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Religious parties hold key to next Israeli government

Likud, Labour fail to muster majority

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 2, (AP): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's hardline Likud Bloc and its rival left-of-centre Labour Party today started bargaining with four religious parties in a bid to form a coalition government.

Likud had an edge because it was likely to get a first crack at forming a coalition and its right-wing policies were ideologically more compatible with some religious parties.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud leader, rejected the idea of another national unity government like the one he and Labour leader Shimon Peres formed after the stalemate in the July 1984 elections.

"If Mr Peres put the international conference on top of his list, he burned all the bridges to a national unity government," Shamir said on Israel Radio.

Rejected

Peres, the current Foreign Minister, had said Israel should attend such a conference and be prepared to give up parts of the occupied land to get peace. Shamir rejected both ideas.

The election was seen as a referendum on the future of the occupied West Bank and Gaza



Shamir (right) and Peres casting their ballots in Israel's general election. (Reuter wirephoto)

Strap as well as strategy for dealing with the Palestinian uprising.

The results indicated the nation of 4.4 million remained deeply divided on the issues of peace and security and that the election failed to produce the hoped-for consensus.

In the occupied territories, Israeli soldiers clashed with demonstrators in several locations today. One Arab was reported killed and two injured in the West Bank.

Complex negotiations over

cabinet posts and religious legislation could drag on for days if not weeks. Some religious party leaders said they were open-minded, and indicated they would demand a heavy price for participation in any government.

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Following yesterday's balloting, neither of the large parties could create the 61-seat majority needed to rule in the 120-member Parliament without religious support.

With 99 per cent of the 4,840

voting stations reporting, Likud

had 39 seats, Labour had 38 and the religious parties a total of 18.

Three of Labour's left-wing allies won 10 seats, three rightist Likud allies seven seats, and three Arab-oriented lists got eight seats.

After the final official vote count is published, the President traditionally calls on the largest party to try and form a government. But the head of state may decide to entrust the task to any party if it has a better chance of creating a ruling coalition.

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Algerians vote on political reforms

ALGIERS, Nov 2: (AP): Algerians vote on Thursday in a referendum that is the first step toward a series of reforms promised by President Chadli Benjedid following a week of bloody riots that left 176 people dead by official counts.

About 12 million people are expected to go to the polls and overwhelmingly approve the first measures moving toward greater freedom.

The Justice Ministry announced that 1,500 people arrested during the riots would be released today. An estimated 3,000 people, mostly young men, were detained. The government says 1,500 already have been freed.

In announcing the referendum in a television address on Oct 11, Benjedid said it would further the "democratisation" of the North African country of 25 million. Political observers said it would give Benjedid a mandate to phase out one-party rule.

Since he took over the presidency in 1979, Benjedid has made repeated efforts to weaken the system in which the only legal party, the National Liberation

Front, controls almost every aspect of society including the economy, press, police and judicial system.

The referendum would require Benjedid to name a prime minister who would then be responsible to the National Assembly. The effect of this change would be to free the government, headed by a prime minister, from the domination of the party.

The prime minister would have increased power while the president, who is also secretary-general of the party, could remain above the fray.

Democratic

In late December, the party congress will take the second step in the reform programme, considering "greater democratisation of political action."

Benjedid has not spelled out what will be considered by the party barons in sessions closed to the public.

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Benjedid: reforms

national charter and to the nation's constitution.

Posters reading "together we are building the future" lined avenues in the capital, encouraging people to vote. The Algerian Communist Party, which operates clandestinely, and Islamic fundamentalist leaders urged voters to stay away from the polls.

Unemployment, a scarcity of staples, rising prices and a declining standard of living were among the complaints of Algerians who took to the streets on Oct 4.

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US expresses concern about Pakistan's security

Soviets send missiles to Kabul

MOSCOW, Nov 2: (UPI): The Soviet Union announced it is supplying some of its most advanced weapons, including medium-range missiles, to Afghanistan in a bid to counter rebel rocket attacks that the Kabul regime says are being instigated by Pakistan.

In Washington, the US State Department identified the weapons as surface-to-surface Scud missiles capable of reaching Pakistan, and pointedly pledged its continued "full support" for Islamabad.

The Soviet news agency, Tass, said in a dispatch from Kabul the missiles were paraded through the Afghan capital yesterday.

A statement by the Afghan general staff, released in Kabul and carried by Tass, said "extremists, instigated by their Pakistani patrons," have not heeded warnings to stop shelling populated areas in Afghanistan.

"This is why a new kind of weapon, namely long-range missiles with great destructive power, was adopted for service by the Afghan Army to defend the territorial integrity and national sovereignty and repel

foreign aggression."

On Monday, Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said Moscow was stepping up arms shipments, including the "most advanced" weapons in the Soviet arsenal, to Kabul to counter increased Pakistani arms supplies to the anti-communist Islamic guerrillas.

Attacks

Attacks by the US-backed mujahedeen rebels have escalated since the Soviets began withdrawing troops from Afghanistan under an international agreement that calls for a complete Soviet pullout in February.

It is estimated the rebels control as much as 80 per cent of Afghan territory.

Tass said in a dispatch from Kabul "the powerful long-range weapons supplied to the Afghan Army rolled through the streets accompanied by armoured personnel carriers."

In Washington, State Department spokesman Charles Redman described the missiles as SS-1 Scuds, the "B" version of the Soviet-made Scud used by Iran and Iraq in their "war of the cities" during the Gulf war.

The Scud missiles are officially classified as medium-range weapons, with the standard version capable of hitting targets within 190 miles (300 km).

Redman said the State Department believed it was the first time Scuds have been seen in Afghanistan.

Jalalabad, an important administrative centre of Nangarhar province, last month, and casualties there topped 130," it said. Najibullah, who is trying to hold on to power against the rebel insurgency, said the new arms are operational tactical weapons and will be used against centres from which the mujahedeen launch rocket attacks, Tass reported.

After eight years of trying to keep a communist government in power by fighting mujahedeen rebels, the Soviets in April signed the Geneva agreements with Pakistan, Afghanistan and the United States for a nine-month pullout from the war. Mikhail Gorbachev called a "bleeding wound."

Casualties

But the Kremlin has charged that Pakistan has been violating the Geneva agreements by supplying the Afghan rebels with American-made arms.

"In the past month, Kabul was rocketed with ground-to-ground missiles 23 times and it was mostly massed firing," Tass said. "Over 150 rockets hit the city."

"A lot of rockets also fell on

China to help Bangladesh in controlling floods

BEIJING, Nov 2: (AP): President Hussain Muhammad Ershad of Bangladesh ended a two-day visit today after reaching an agreement on co-operation with China on flood control and water conservancy.

According to a press communiqué, the two sides agreed to set up a joint expert group to explore co-operation in this area, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

Ershad, who met today with Premier Li Peng, is seeking regional co-operation from India, Nepal, Bhutan and China to help prevent flooding that perennially strikes Bangladesh.

This August, flood waters submerged three-fourths of the country and killed more than 1,000 people.

The communiqué said Ershad briefed the Chinese side on the causes of the flood and Bangladesh's ideas concerning flood control.

Flooding in Bangladesh has worsened in recent years due to deforestation in the Himalayan mountain range running along the southern border of Tibet in China and the northern borders of India and Nepal.

"We hope that this report will not influence Turkey's relations with the Council of Europe and the European Economic Community," the spokesman said.

Turkey is applying for full membership of the Community.

Bail for Imelda

NEW YORK, Nov 2: (AP): Prosecutors and defence lawyers have worked out a bail package for ex-Philippines first lady Imelda Marcos, according to a source close to the case.

Both sides were expected to present the compromise deal to US district judge John Keenan at a hearing in federal court in Manhattan today.

Mrs Marcos pleaded innocent on Monday to charges she and her husband pillaged the Philippine national treasury of \$103 million and funnelled it into the United States to purchase real estate and artworks.

The New York Post reported today that the \$5 million bail set Monday would be paid by tobacco heiress Doris Duke, 75.

Sri Lanka plans to impose curfew

Marxists call for strike

COLOMBO, Nov 2: (UPI): Less than 24 hours after stealing hundreds of weapons from a military camp, a Sinhalese extremist group today called for a nationwide strike in a "day of protest" against the government of President Junius Jayewardene.

The Janatha Vimukti Peramuna (JVP) — or Peoples Liberation Front — announced the strike set for Thursday in statements sent to newspapers and in posters pasted on buildings and walls throughout the capital.

The group also urged the public to boycott state-run media, observe a blackout Thursday night and hoist red and white flags from their homes.

It said the "day of protest" was called to commemorate the April 16 slaying of one of its senior members allegedly on the orders of Fisheries Minister Festus Perera, who has denied the charge.

Spokesman Kenji Maeda said there was no major change in the emperor's condition today but the 87-year-old monarch is generally weakening after 45 days in bed and 51 blood transfusions.

Hirohito, the last surviving major leader of World War II, has been given blood transfusions almost daily since he first began bleeding internally on Sept 19 due to suspected abdominal cancer.

Hirohito had a small blood discharge today, and doctors gave him a transfusion of about a pint of blood, Maeda said. His vital signs remained normal, he said.

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"Dr Sihanouk expressed continued American support for Prince Sihanouk's efforts to achieve a settlement in Kampuchea that will result in complete withdrawal of Vietnamese forces from that country, while preventing a return to power by

EVENTS

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT-THURS: 8:30 am to 12 noon and 4:30 to 7:30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; FRIDAYS: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts—rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

CINEMA

Animation in Japan
Japanese Animation Film Festival: Kuwait Hilton, Terrace Room.

NOV 4: 4 pm. "Space Firebird," duration 120 minutes; Nov 7, the same film will be shown at 6 pm.

NOV 5-6: 4 pm Barefoot Gen, Part 1; 6 pm — Barefoot Gen Part 2. Duration 115 minutes.

MUSIC

Bob Marley Night
NOV 4: SAS Tent, 7.30 to 9.30 pm; Steve Michael and The Electric Rendezvous will be seeking to recreate the spirit of Jamaica, with a tribute to Bob Marley, the king of reggae. Tel: SAS, ext 413.

Piano and Violin Recital
NOV 3: Kuwait Hilton will present a piano and violin recital by Matthias Kellig and Tibor Kovacs. They will play compositions by Beethoven, Schubert and Brahms. Tickets available from the Hilton Lobby.

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Dubai Pharmacy
Souk Waqif, Algiers St.
Balkhiyah Pharmacy
Ahmad Al Jaber St.
Hawalli and Nogra
Al Saada Pharmacy
nr. Hamad Al Burak
Mosque, Othman St.
Salmiya and Kumanithya
Al Raed Pharmacy
Jamal Abdullah Bldg.,
Amman St.
Fahheel and Ahmadi
Al Badia Pharmacy
Dabbous Bldg., Dabbous St.
Farwaniya
Al Huwaija Pharmacy
Mailem Bldg., Mustawfa St.
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah
Bldg., Matafi St.

FRIDAY
Kuwait Ahlam Pharmacy
Souk Muttabeda, Fahd Al
Salem St.
Al Ama Pharmacy
Comm. Market, Mubarak
Al Kabir St.
Hawalli and Nogra
Al Firdous Pharmacy
Opp. Hawalli Police Stn.,
Beirut St.
Salmiya and Kumanithya
Al Maidan Pharmacy
Shara Al Khalid Bldg.,
Baghdad St.
Fahheel and Ahmadi
Al Abraj Pharmacy
Salmi Dabbous Centre,
Sinan St.
Khaitan
Al Tawfiq Pharmacy
Raja'iq Comm. Centre,
South St.
Jahra
Al Zahra Pharmacy
New Market

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Salma Agha Nite
Al Salmiya
Ana Wal Azzab Wa Huwak
(Arabic)
Starring: Walid Tausiq,
Sabirin, Wahid Saif
Al Hamra
Kul Hada Al Hub (Arabic)
Starring: Noor Al Sharif,
Laila Alwi, Yahya Shahin
Drive-in
Ightial Madrasah (Arabic)
Starring: Nabila Obaid,
Sabireen, Hisham Salim,
Salah Qabil
Al Firdous
Dayavan (Hindi)
Starring: Vinod Khanna,
Feroz Khan, Madhuri Dixit
Fahheel Open-Air
Mohabbat Ke Dushman
(Hindi)
Al Fahheel
Nishana (Bengali)
Al Jahra
Al Police Al Nasir (Arabic)
Granada
Inner Space
Salmi
In the Line of Duty

PRAYERS

Fair	4.42 am
Zahr	11.32
Asr	2.38 pm
Maghreb	5.00
Isha	6.18
FRIDAY	
Fair	4.43 am
Friday Prayer	11.32
Asr	2.37 pm
Maghreb	4.50
Isha	6.18



Family Fun on Fridays at the Meridien: Oriental cuisine, music and cartoon films for children.

SOCIAL

Harvest Festival
NOV 3: 1-5 pm. The National Evangelical Church, English Language Congregation, will hold the third annual Harvest Festival. Food, fun, handicrafts and other attractions. All are welcome.

Kuwait Kannada Koota
NOV 4: 5 pm. Sharq Cooperative Society Hall. Kannada Koota presents a variety show for the Nehru Centenary Year and Karnataka Rajyotsava. Tel: 5721724; 3610835.

Canadian Women's League
NOV 5: The Canadian Women's League in Kuwait will hold a meeting-cum-get together from 4 to 6 pm. For details call 3718678.

German-Speaking Cultural Association
NOV 6: Kuwait Hilton, Old Fahaila Room 10 am. Interesting news will be shared with ladies at the regular monthly meeting. Coffee morning on Sunday. All German-speaking ladies are requested to attend. Japan Week.

NOV 4: Green Island Beach. Waterfront Project — 2.30 pm. Kite flying: 3 pm — opening ceremony with drummers: 5 pm — Japanese folk dance.

NOV 4-8: High-Tech Show at the Hilton: eye-catching new electronic goods.

NOV 6/7: Hilton Hotel. Japanese cultural show featuring traditional "fast foods", magic show, candy-making, traditional games and folk dancing.

All are welcome. Admission to all the above events is free.

Diwalli Celebration

NOV 10: The Indian Arts Circle will celebrate Diwali. Open to members and their guests. Highlight: Narthana's "Nrithotsav '88" — dance-drama show. For entry passes call IAC — Tel: 3904817.

NRI lecture

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Nite Flight 88

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Contact

NOV 12: SAS Hotel, 10 am: Contact, the ladies information group, will hold a meeting. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. Tel: 4874513; 5388105.

Navellin Youth Centre

NOV 17: Second social get-together at a local hotel. Music by Stepping Stones. For details ring 2407360 after 3.30 pm.

Ber Rabbit

NOV 12-18: 6.30 pm. Ber Rabbit, a children's musical show, will be performed at the Universal American School.

Directed by Ken Winston.

NOV 17/18: Matinees at 3 pm

pm at the same venue. For reservations call 5740256/7, 9 am - 1 pm; 4.30 - 7 pm; or 5731782.

Kuwait Welsh Society

NOV 23 (Wed): Kuwait Welsh Society will hold "Tramps Sup-

per". For further details call 3713467.

Kuwait Caledonians

NOV 24: St. Andrews Night Dinner will be held at Messilah Beach Hotel. Guests from Scotland will be Abie and John Carmichael. For details and reservations ring 5335082; 3727690 ext. 253.

MEETINGS

Bishop's Meeting

St. Paul's Church, Ahmadi, will hold meetings to coincide with the visit of the Anglican Bishop for Cyprus and the Gulf. Nov 3: 1.30 pm business-men's luncheon; 7.30 pm: harvest festival; Nov 4: 9.30 pm — city communion and 6.30 pm celebrations. For details call 3985924.

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At the Holiday Inn

Shahrazad BBQ featured every Wednesday at the poolside at 8 pm. On Wednesdays Al Dana features "sea drama on ice"; on Thursdays, an Indian night offering exotic Eastern cuisine is held. Thursdays: dine and dance to music by Arab singers at Al Andalus Night Club. Friday: fun 'n' surprises for children and parents at the weekly brunch, 11 am to 3 pm.

At the Ramada

Le Mirage Night Club: Thursday night, BBQ, full buffet; music by Al Arzz Band.

Al Bender Coffee Shop

continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Al Gandom Grill Garden

7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialities. will receive trophies.

Open Garden: 7 pm to midnight; a selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Argilla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day.

Fish and Chips Shop

4 pm to 11 pm. Take away counter: 4 pm to 11 pm. Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

At the Hilton

La Palma: Musical luncheon on Friday for family and friends from noon to 3 pm. Buffet features a variety of hot and cold Arab and Continental dishes.

Faileka

speciality menu and chef's recommendation for lunch — 12.30 - 3 pm; and dinner — 7.30 — 11.30 pm, except Fridays.

SPORTS

Ahmadi Kart Racing

NOV 4: Ahmadi Kart Racing, next to Ahmadi Water Towers. Third round of Ahmadi Challenge Cup plus Kuwait National Drivers Championship. Gates open: 12.30 noon; racing starts at 1.30 pm. Karts available to public children and adults in between races. For details call Simon Lloyd — 3982053; Dave Burfoot — 3290300 ext. 239.

Laser Club

NOV 4: Start of the Messilah Beach Laser Club's winter racing season. Laser owners and others interested are welcome. Instruction available. For details contact D. Clark — 2425947; P. Shepherd — 5314957; 4841513; P. Berry — 3924174.

PBAK Awards

NOV 4: Holiday Inn Hotel, 4 pm. Ambassador Alman C. Glang will present awards to the winners of the first PBAK inter-commercial bowling league.

Buffet dinner

Admission: KWD 1 per person. For reservations phone Sara Macarim-bang 4843447; Ojie Olor — 5634200; Cora Paras — 4897536.

PBAK knock-out

bowling tournament NOV 11: 9 am to 9 pm. 300 Club, Single competition, open to men and women. Entrance fee: KWD 500 (members) and KWD 3 non-members. Winners will receive trophies.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran

9.15 Dabdoob Al

Musiqar: cartoon

serial

9.45 Al Jawharah: part 3

of children's serial,

featuring Ibrahim

Sallal, Abdul Aziz Al

Nimish and Jawhar

Salem.

10.15 Turn Tek and Chil-

dren

10.30 Quaker Has a Cousin

in Bronx: English

feature film, starring

Jenny Wilder

12.00 Al Zankatooni:

Arabic serial.

1.00 News

1.05 World Today via

Satellite

1.40 Fawazir Al Mun-

asabat

2.00 Sports in a Week: a

weekly programme

focusing on local

and world sports.

4.45 Raad Al Amlaq:

Cartoons

5.15 Liga Al Khamis:

variety show

6.30 From People's Art

7.00 News Summary

7.30 Alwan: prepared by

Mohammad Saeed

Faris

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

CONFORMITY is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth — John F. Kennedy, US President (1917-1963).

OPINION

A new Algerian revolution

THE recent measures taken by the Algerian President are considered to be another revolution for which the Algerian people paid the price before such measures were executed.

This is indeed the nature of things. People pay a price to get returns.

The Algerian President, who declared his unwillingness to accept the post, is certainly one member of the Algerian people and perhaps one of its revolutionaries who opposed the stubbornness of the government staff, the security forces and some senior officials in the government administration.

President Benjedid could be one of those who disproved of the behaviour of the Algerian security forces during the recent protests. Perhaps he did not like the state laws, and could not understand the secret behind the country's closed door policy.

Thus, the decisions and measures taken by the Algerian President recently just reflect the demands of the Algerian people.

The decisions could have been more effective if they had been made earlier. But, "better late than never."

The measures came from a truly neutral party — the Algerian President, who promised that he would act decisively in affairs of national security.

Algeria now needs new blood in many government posts. This will make the required opening to the Arab world possible.

King Hassan of Morocco succeeded in attracting the Arab world, its governments and people. He turned his country into an Arab and foreign workshop. The Moroccan King also succeeded in marketing Morocco's resources and opportunities.

What Algeria needs now is for its officials to be humble in dealing with its issues. They should understand that speeches do not deliver the goods. This was realised by the Algerian President and the media was allowed to condemn the previous state of affairs. The press was even granted enough freedom to criticise the tough government measures.

Through this act, the President met the demands of the people of Algeria and also answered the feelings of other people who loved this country and its long struggle for independence.

The latest measures of the Algerian President are measures that certainly deserve respect. Algeria simply requires another dynamic and popular move to fully use its resources.

This is especially true as the strong international alliances and blocks prevail in the world.

In 1992, when the EEC members declare unified customs, economic unity and freedom of transfer among its countries, the Arab Maghreb states will find themselves in a difficult situation unless they manage to unite themselves.

Thanks go to the Algerian President for this latest moves and measures.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Reagan's policy will guide his successor

By Gene Gibbons

WASHINGTON. (Reuters) — Visiting a Pennsylvania high school a few weeks ago, a beaming Ronald Reagan accepted a "presidential report card" from admiring students which gave him an A-Plus for his record as US leader.

While some say Reagan's grade was a bit inflated, political experts agree his actions in eight years of remarkable, sometimes turbulent, presidency will guide and limit his successor, whether Democrat Michael Dukakis or Republican George Bush.

While the two differ on tactics, both are committed to the broad foreign policy objectives of the so-called Reagan era, including a strong NATO alliance and constructive relations with the Soviet Union.

Deficits

On the domestic front, Reagan's fiscal policy, with the yawning US trade and budget deficits, has left little spare cash for bold initiatives on housing, education and day care.

Political analysts and administration insiders, however, predict a marked difference in leadership style between the easy-going, 60-year-old Reagan and either of his less charismatic potential successors.

"I think Bush would be a better manager of staff and policy. I think he would take a conservative track but compromise with Congress more," said a White House official who asked not be identified.

Another Reagan aide said Dukakis impressed him as someone who would be involved in the "minutiae of policy."

"The President is a heavy delegator of authority. The Vice-President (Bush) also delegates, although not as much. But a president can only get into so much and be successful because

Improve bus service

SIR: As one who has travelled widely and enjoyed different systems of transport, I would like to present some suggestions to improve Kuwait's transport system.

It is important that shelters be placed at all bus stands to protect people from the intense heat and dust storms. All buses must have air-conditioners and passengers should not be charged any extra amount for this facility.

Buses should ply much more often. During the peak working hours it would be ideal to have buses plying every five or six minutes. Off peak hours should not have a waiting time of more than fifteen minutes, except

during the very late night hours.

Bus drivers should not open doors when the bus is in motion. They should bring it to a total stop first and then open the doors for the passengers. Drivers should also be aware of the last passenger entering the bus. Only when the passenger has completely entered the bus should the driver then close the doors and start moving.

Maps depicting various bus routes should be available on buses and tourist information centres.

Smokers on buses should be heavily fined.

Considering the customs of

Kuwait there should be a separate bus for ladies, families and handicapped.

The availability of funds in this country should expedite the implementation of these suggestions.

I am sure Kuwait will benefit from an improved bus system.

Pierre Rousseau,

Kuwait

Students obstruct flow of traffic

SIR: I want to bring to the notice of the traffic department and the highway patrol police that many students of Arabic schools stop vehicles on busy roads thus obstructing the smooth flow of traffic.

These students do not make

use of school transport system nor do the parents of these pupils provide them with transport or if at all money is given to them to make use of public transport, they prefer to use the money for some other purpose.

I request the authorities to kindly look into this matter.

A concerned motorist,
(Name and address supplied)

Extend time

SIR: The last bus on route No. 205 leaves Fahsheel for Mina Al Zour at 8.15 pm daily. It will be very convenient for us if this service is extended upto 9.30 pm.

P.H. Ghanasena,
Mina Abdulla.

Humble singer

SIR: The report in the Arab Times (Oct 9) Susan steals the show was well written.

Everyone present at the Indian Arts Circle to watch "East Meets West," will agree that Susan is a talented singer.

If a person can humbly touch and kiss the feet of her father and mother in front of a thousand people, then surely she must be admired. I have met famous singers and artistes from the USA, England, India and Kuwait, but what I saw at the IAC still rings bells in our ears.

Dr M.A. Shaikh and family,
Kuwait.



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A worker puts finishing touches on a bust of Ataturk, founder of modern Turkey. (Reuter wirephoto)

By John Owen-Davies

ANKARA, (Reuters): Fifty years after his death, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk remains the driving force behind Turkey but mourning is no longer obligatory.

Unlike every Nov 10 since Ataturk died in 1938, this year there will be no ban on selling liquor. Restaurants and cinemas will stay open and state-run Radio and Television (TRT) will run normal programmes instead of mainly sombre music.

This break with tradition is viewed widely as a move to instil into new generations that Ataturk, modern Turkey's secularist founder, was not a deity.

"The time has come to break away from the irrational taboos that have made Ataturk into a god. Ataturk was not a god but a great human being," the Turkish daily news said in an editorial.

Mourning

Culture and Tourism Minister Tinaz Tiliz said: "If mourning is compulsory it does not fulfil the intention behind it and we have seen this."

"No result can be obtained from things done by force and for this reason we will not release a list of orders on this day (Nov 10)... the course of life for the day should not be changed," he told reporters.

Tiliz said sirens would still wail at 9.05 am, the time of death

Forced mourning ends but Ataturk memory endures

did in mid-1987, invites vehement press and political protests.

In a museum at the mausoleum visitors can see Ataturk's toilet kit, his tuxedo, general's uniform, other possessions and gifts from many world leaders of his time.

Some Turks believe the government's decision on mourning Ataturk is long overdue.

Revered

"This novel approach should have been taken about 25 years ago. On past Nov 10s some people went to video shops to get pornographic and other films because there was nothing else to do in the evening," one Turkish official said.

Mustafa Kemal, who took the surname Ataturk (father Turk) in 1934, is revered by most Turks in a way many foreigners find surprising.

His portrait hangs in every schoolroom and public office, and his sayings are engraved in gold on countless marble slabs.

To lay a wreath at the austere but serene Ankara hilltop mausoleum to Ataturk is obligatory for most visiting officials.

To refuse, as Iranian Prime Minister Mir Hossein Mousavi

said in his sayings, is a guiding principle of foreign policy.

Turkey's armed forces, the largest in the NATO Western alliance after the United States, are sensitive about Ataturk and see themselves as the chosen ones to preserve his ideals.

The armed forces intervened in Turkey three times between 1960 and 1980 when they believed Ataturk's vision of democracy was endangered.

To mark the 50th anniversary of Ataturk's death, an "Ataturk Commemoration Week" featuring seminars and symposia will be held from Nov 7.

TRT plans a series on Ataturk for the anniversary. It will look at topics such as "Ataturk and the national struggle," "Ataturk and education" and "Ataturk as a soldier."

One of his sayings, "Sovereignty belongs unconditionally to the nation", is written above the speaker's position in the parliament.

"In the political sense he is still very important and no civilized government can survive if it disowns Ataturk," one official said.

"He is a very important symbol," he said. "The symbol influences all people looking towards the West and makes them proud to be Turkish."

"Peace in the country, peace in

the world," another of Ataturk's sayings, is a guiding principle of the economy.

The calls for Garcia's resignation are due in great part to the widely held view that he is not willing to make substantial changes in his failed economic programme.

When Garcia broke his long silence, he did so with a renewed attack on the International Monetary Fund just as his finance minister was returning from an international gathering where he had tried to re-establish relations with the organisation and other lending agencies.

Disrupt
Discounting coup rumours, Garcia insisted the Military High Command "will not become the instrument of bastard interests that often want to disrupt the constitutional order, nor will it become the tool of the International Monetary Fund."

Having suffered in the past under long spells of military rule, Peru's political leaders have been outspoken in demanding that the armed forces not be provoked into seizing power again.

"Nothing would be more tragic for Peru than a military coup. Peru's isolation from the international community would be aggravated even further," Vargas Llosa said.

Many Peruvians feel the armed forces are not enthusiastic about the prospect of taking on the challenge of governing a country that appears increasingly ungovernable.

"They're as terrified of the future as anyone else," an independent congressman said, speaking on condition he not be named. "If they eventually come back, it will be by default and not because they have a coherent plan."

Spectre of coup looms over Peru

Renowned novelist Mario Vargas Llosa, expected to be the centre-right coalition in the 1990 election, recently described himself as "the charismatic young man" responsible for Peru's most incompetent and ruinous government of the century."

What has Peruvians most upset is the country's unprecedented runaway inflation, provoked, economists agree, by the government's uncontrolled spending, which has spawned a huge fiscal deficit.

Consumer prices soared by 114 per cent in September, as much in one month as all of last year. Inflation is expected to exceed 1,000 percent by year end.

Having eaten up the country's hard currency reserves to finance a consumer-fuelled economic recovery programme and having cut itself off from fresh foreign loans, the government is close to bankruptcy. It has had to resort to selling the central bank's gold bullion to pay import bills, but now that is gone.

Incompetent

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CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the
Arab Times

Film disputes taking a toll of time, energy, money and quality

Directors and producers — at loggerheads

IT may be director vs producer, or producer against star or distributor, horn-locked with producer or financier breathing down the necks of film-makers. The fact is that the film industry is entangled in several disputes which are taking a precious toll of time, energy, money and of course quality.

Maintains Rizvi maintains that Shekhar does not know much about direction and is a wavering man who wastes a lot of time during production. Javed also let him down by not completing the script for nearly two years. Thus after picturising a song on Sridevi, all the other star dates given for six months had to be cancelled. Even when parts of the script arrived, there was no dialogue. Javed would send it just one day before shooting.

The biggest fiasco took place in Ladakh where the non-shooting proved a free holiday for the unit and a financial disaster for the producer. Shekhar's two friends had taken over the production managing but the unit was put up in tents which blew off on the very first day, due to sand-storms.

Rizvi claims that he was forced to vastly over-spend, while Shekhar, Javed, wives and friends enjoyed the trip. The director manipulated it in such a way that the technicians would go on mock strikes saying they were not paid. So where did the money go, asks the producer. It was the director's job to motivate the team and get work done. Shekhar asserts that he was dedicated and somehow trying to hold the unit together. But some unit members later admitted that they had yielded to the politics being played by the director and his assistants.

Rizvi gives detailed examples of Shekhar's inadequacies. The director he says, was unclear about which shots he was to take, which artistes were needed when and where, or



Shekhar Kapoor: is he a fake?

what items were required for the next day's shooting. Sridevi's dates were constantly upset (luckily she was not that busy then). Meenakshi made three trips to Ladakh and Sunny was held up there for several weeks.

They would even forget to take important close-ups of stars after keeping them so long. While shooting, Shekhar would do several re-takes even of okayed shots.

The whole mass of celluloid landed up in the editing room and the lady editor Aruna Raje remarked that it had been shot like home video stuff. Rizvi took two years to clear it and do the additional shooting. A classic example is of a cock-fight which was shot so badly that it

took ten days to edit.

Anyway, the real cock-fight between the producer and the director has now ended. And the industry people will not entrust Shekhar with a big film any more. Even though Mr India was a hit, Boney Kapoor gave Rook Ki Rani Choron Ka Raja to Shekhar's assistant Satish Kaushik, while asking Shekhar to do only the small budget Prem on the lines of his first film *Masoom*.

A similar "war" took place over *Jung* between producers Samir-Hanif and director Mukul Anand. There were threats and counter threats. The producers charged that Mukul had signed so many films after the big success of *Issaq* including Bachchan

starrings, that he was not giving dates or enough time or even allowing his assistants shoot for *Jung*, which has stars like

Sunil Dutt, Mithun, Mandakini, Aditya and Amala.

The director in turn accused them of doubting his ability and interfering, though he had devoted full days to make two reels in four months. Anyway, they parted amicably, with Mukul still arguing that he wanted to make hay while the sun shines. Perhaps Raj Sippy would take over the film.

Producer B.S. Grover of Godsons who made a silly film on dowry has also removed the veteran director B.R. Ishara from *Baast Hai Pyar Ki*. The two could not get along and it is likely that Grover himself may fill the blank title left by Ishara. Another case is of Kanwal Sharma the director and Santosh Kumar the producer of *Zimmedar*. Since Kanwal has got three to four films, he was not concentrating and the producer accused him of being irresponsible. So Kanwal gave up the responsibility.

Padmini Kapila as producer has been making *Mohabbat Ka Paigham*, earlier titled as *Ibadat*, with Meenakshi, Babbar, Aditya and Shammi Kapoor. After completing 13 reels, she has decided to remove director Shashiklal Nair as she found his work unsatisfactory,

Raj Babbar (right) and Meenakshi in *Mohabbat Ka Paigham*, a film which is the subject of dispute.

(or was it due to his flops like *Falak?*). The other more famous lady Hema Malini did the same for her TV serial on dances of India. First it was

Vikas Desai, then Sridhar Kshirsagar and Hema herself may direct according to her own ideas, provided the TV centre approves.

Behind the screen

After Shammi Kapoor, producers are tagging the title of "rebel star" to Kumar Gaurav of all people. At least he is a rebel with a cause. He wants to look and act tough to wash away his soft chocolate hero image. But then he is playing second fiddle to other heroes like Shatrughan, Mithun and Amitabh. So how much can he rebel? Only in *Goosji* he plays a political rebel, and is the sole hero. But then it is a small film and mainly romantic.

After the success of TV serial *Buniyaad*, Anita Kanwar was offered elderly roles like that of Lajjaji. But she kept refusing saying that she was young. Now she has ended up dangling between art and pseudo art films like Amit Khanna's *Sesh* and Mrinal Sen's *Ek Din Achank* and silly commercial film like *Dahej Ke Seene Pe Bandook*. In *Salaam Bombay* the children steal the show from Anita.

Dahej Ke Seene Pe ... was originally called *Hum Dahej Layee Hain* and had its title changed by the censors, who felt that it would be more fitting

for the dacoit girls in the film to aim their guns at the dowry system. But the actual fact is that in the film itself they use their guns on people. Another film *Zinda Jala Doonga* was changed to *Zalim Ko Jala Doonga* but actually showed villains being burnt alive. Now the censors are happy that it is sin being burnt, though the film shows otherwise. Meanwhile, an under production movie has changed its name from *Yeh Surang* to *Khooni Surang*.

Neelu, a regional star of Rajasthani films has become so popular through some hits that she has been labelled as the Sridevi of Rajasthan. They had better call her Dimple now, since Sridevi is fast losing her position with four massive flops.

Shashi Kapoor is unlucky with his children. Two sons Kunal and Karan could not make a career in films. And daughter Sanjana after a commercial film like *Hero Hiralal* wants to stay in England for a long course in dramatics. It may be a wise decision on her part, keeping away from the



Anita Kanwar: neither here nor there

bad bad "Bollywood" but poor Shashi will now be left alone.

Why blame the heroes and heroines for grabbing films? Even villain Kiran Kumar has signed seventy films which are progressing. He will be even more hard to get than the heroes and heroines in the film.



Poor Kumar Gaurav wants to be known as a "rebel" but heroines like Amala think he's the cuddly sort.



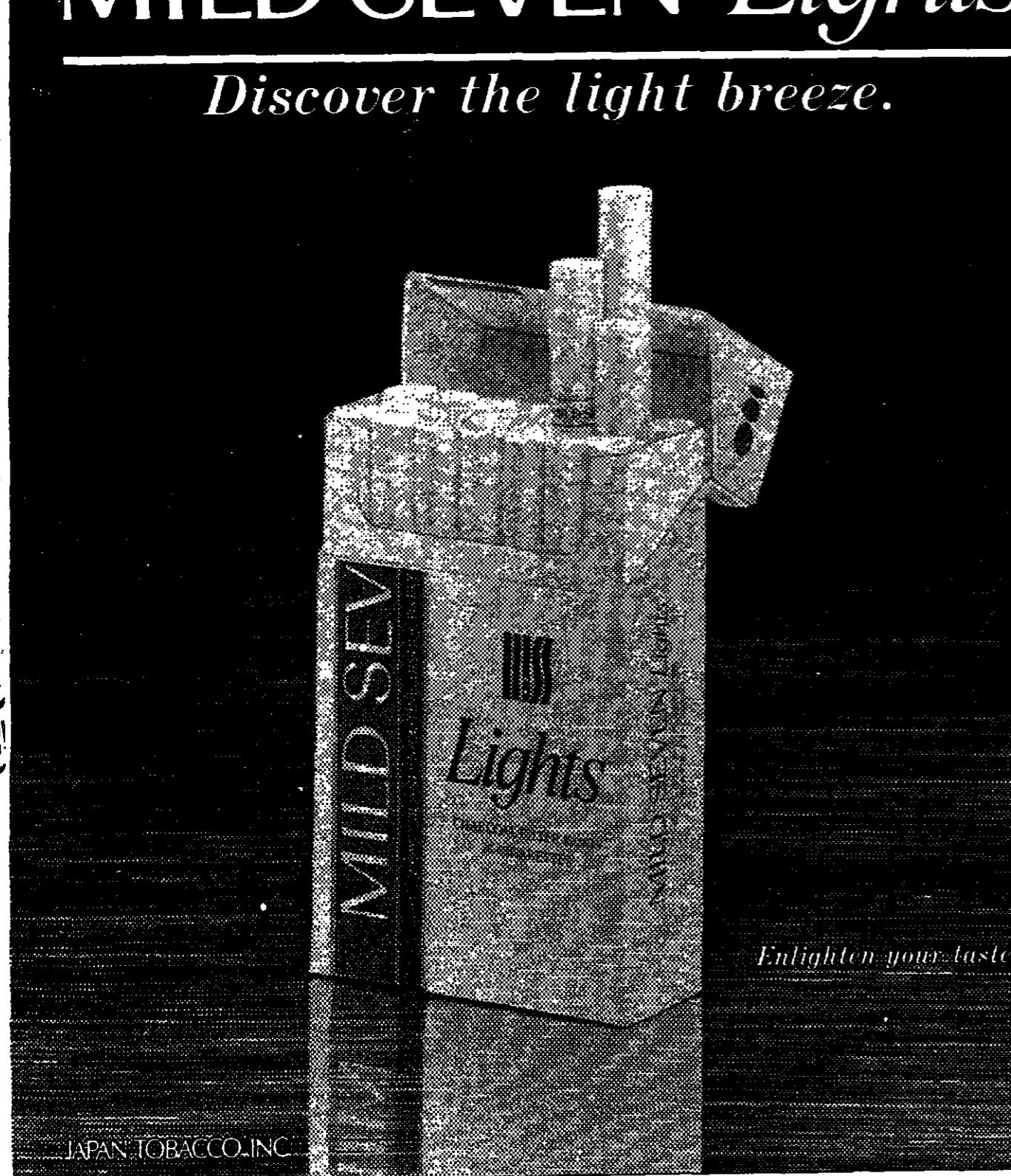
Popular villain Kiran Kumar: working in 70 films

ANDY CAPP



By Smith

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Getting curried away!

THERE are two kinds of books on Indian cookery: those you cook from and those you look at. The first deals with recipes; the second dwells on cuisine.

You can tell the first kind at a glance -- you have to since it's the sort of book to which you wouldn't give a second look.

The paper is as unglazed as an unfinished fruit flan, the layout is as unimaginative as a boarding school menu, and the whole approach is as unfilled as a cook's petticoat. But it lives up to a promise it does not make: the recipes are usually dependable.

The latter type of cookbook is an entirely different frying pan of fish. It is such a work of art that it would be sacrilege to expose it to the grease spatterings of the kitchen.

Indeed it was never meant to be taken there. Its place is in the soft, expensive glow of the drawing room, among the scatter of travelogues and art catalogues.

If cookery books have joined these two staples of coffee-table literature, it is only natural.

The gastronomical tour is not a legitimate segment of the upmarket holiday, and correctly photographed, the perfect rump steak could be made to appear as much a work of art as a Botticelli Venus -- and as delectable.

Humblest

Here even the simplest spice of the humblest hovel acquires an appeal so exotic that the original would be hard put to recognise itself should it chance upon its soft-focus reincarnation on these pages.

It might bring tears of joy to a chilli, invite a tart comment from the tamarind, and make the snooty parsley witt in envy at such an elevation in the status of the peasant coriander.

But you can hardly ladle out criticism against these books for this. If Leonardo da Vinci could have so romanticised his washer woman, why should these books not do the same for a lamb vindaloo? All art is but the perception of the humdrum through new eyes, so why should the culinary one be an exception?

All writers on Indian coffee-table cuisine have grandmothers from whom they have drawn inspiration. And if 'Dadiji' too would not be able to recognise what is allegedly her legacy, then it is to the greater credit of the writer for so imaginatively having recycled the hand-me-down...

In India, the gravy train to cuisine literature chugs on and anyone it seems, can get a ticket to ride. B.J. Karkaria takes a swipe at the coffee table Indian cookbook, whose place the author says, is in the soft, expensive glow of the drawing room rather than the grease-spattered kitchen.



this earth that moth, rust and death duties can consume.

Yes, as ethnic chic finds its niche, as the trendy scatter to the ends of the earth in search of the rough spun and the tough worn, the trade in local fare has picked up like a bullshark.

And don't worry about the chini shop: there's enough in earthenware casseroles, and ceramic bowls to keep the busyness going even further.

If the most uppity names in publishing are wooing cooks or those who know how to write about cooking -- and the two are seldom interchangeable -- it is because they have realised that the art cook book caters for not just one but two of the most enduring appeals: to the

cooking and to the eating.

Take a look at their table of contents. In the former, this is as no-nonsense as the outside and the rest of the inside, a straight-from-the-chopping-board division into: vegetables, meat, fish, rice and breads, sweets, pickles and chutneys. The ultimate in extravagance would be the addition of a glossary.

The 'look-at' cookbook may follow these broad outlines but the chapter headings are smothered in a rich semantic sauce. 'The North Where Lamb is King' or 'Spicing Up The Variety of Life' or 'The Silver Harvest From The Sea' or 'Daal. The Pulse of a Cuisine'.

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eye and the palate.

You can flip languidly through the pages and feast optically on the opulent spread before you.

In India itself, the bigger market is naturally for the straightforward 'cook-from' kind of recipe book. The cuisinart 'look-at' type is largely to curry favour with the West. When an Indian does buy it, it is mainly for the kick he gets out of the international recognition of his daily *daal* and *dopizza*.

To satisfy the different palates of their different consumers, the differences in these two types of books is more than

what you will certainly find

Cornucopia

In the latter you have to wade through the purple prose of history and tradition and culture. To say nothing of the shocked reaction of the family retainer upon finding the turmeric stains on the lily-white hands of the Rajkumari, or the Begum Sahiba or the Missy-baba. If you are lucky you may find a recipe. And, if you are luckier still, it might be a practical one. What you will certainly find

is a cornucopia of colour photographs. Cartier-Bresson may never have photographed a mutton biryani, despite the fact that the latter too calls for the "decisive moment" in which to fling off the binding paste of flour and water that seals lid to pan and traps the juices in the pan, but cookbook photography today is picking up more compliments than the chef.

Soft focus, highlighting, enhanced chromatics, composition, indeed all the ingredients of a tastefully set table complement each other in these illustrations.

The robust colours of a stuffed, spit-roasted lamb find their counterpart in the uncluttered elegance of a steamed fish. The straw basket laden with beiges of 'naans' and 'rotis' harmonizes with the gleaming thali piled with puffed up swagger of puris.

Perhaps it is just as well that these books are less than generous with their helpings of recipes. It would be very difficult for the actual dish tried out by the likes of you and me to match the visual promise of the illustrations.

The recipes when they can be found, are as much a toast to copywriter's expertise. While a 'cook-from' book will call a korma a korma, the 'look-at' ones feel obliged to play variations on a theme. They tag on the labels of 'Hyderabadi' and 'Kashmiri' to convey the idea of instant richness. The names run through entire Mughal dynasties. No matter that the Murg Akbari tastes suspiciously like the Chicken Jhangiri and the Shahjahan Murg is clearly a direct descendant of the two. If questioned they will tell you that this is so because recipes, like the throne, were passed down from father to son -- as part of the oral tradition.

Price

Indeed if all Indian recipes can name their price today, the supposedly royal ones command a king's ransom. If former palaces have been converted into deluxe hotels, it was only to be expected that former princes and princesses would turn to writing cookery columns and then books.

And they, more than anyone else are entitled to embellish them with the extravagant trappings: all style and silverleaf, all ambience and almonds.

To their elite corps have been added the satraps of showbiz. After Madhur Jaffrey has come Ismail Merchant providing India's far more romantic answer to Paul Newman's Industrial Strength Salad Dressing.

Thus the gravy train to cuisine literature chugs on. And anyone can get a ticket to ride. All you need is the master formula. Take one nice plump grandmother, marinate her in the juices of her own recipes. Grill slowly to extract all the hidden subtleties. Add liberal lashings of rituals, festivals and other exotica. Turn up the heat of the photographer's spotlights and, when nearly done, reduce to soft focus. Garnish with equal proportions of authenticity and audacity. Goes well with a mature, fruity publisher at room temperature. Serves millions.

I AM

sad that there will no more presidential debates. The reason for this is that there are so many questions left unanswered. The panel members for the three debates did what they could to draw the candidates out, but I believe that they should have been tougher. Here are the questions I wish they had posed to the contenders:

"Sir, if you were a gypsy moth, what kind of gypsy moth would you be?"

"Name the last three Dead Sea Scrolls you have read in the original and why you would recommend them to every American child."

"If your wife were knocked down on a dark street, brutally kicked and her purse snatched away from her, would you still pardon Ollie North?"

"Do you believe a man on welfare, who refuses to look for a job, is entitled to a ZIP code?"

"Would you recommend three good restaurants in the Boston area to a convict who is going on a weekend furlough?"

"If you were a guacamole dip, what kind of guacamole dip would you be?"

"Do you believe that card-carrying member of the ACLU should lose their driving privileges on

The Art Buchwald Column

More questions

federally funded interstate highways?"

"If someone took all the garbage in Boston Harbour and dumped it off the beaches of New Jersey, would the people of New Jersey consider that a cheap shot?"

"Please give me four dates on which the Japanese might have bombed Pearl Harbour."

"If Sen. Bentsen gets elected, will those lobbyists who could not afford \$10,000 for breakfast in his office be entitled to meet with him for \$5,000 in the Senate cafeteria?"

"If you were a Scotch-tape dispenser, what kind of Scotch-tape dispenser would you be?"

"Would you advocate the death penalty for any pregnant woman who does not believe in the right-to-life movement?"

"Governor, when you play baseball with a kid for the TV cameras, do you ever put pine tar on your glove?"

"Mr Vice-President, do you think Mike Tyson and Robin Givens represent the

family values that you hold so dear?"

"Sen. Bentsen, if Dan Quayle is no Jack Kennedy, does that make Mrs Quayle no Jackie Onassis?"

"Sen. Quayle, if we refuse to embargo American wheat and sell it to the Russians, won't they become healthy and want to kill us?"

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"Do you think a gun is the best answer to poor grades in school?"

"If you were President of the United States, and

YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You will be able to get a move on. You are liable to feel rather unsure of yourself and should beware of making promises. You will be able to make good progress at work. You will have something to be pleased about. Be alert.

You will tend to feel a little lethargic and will have to discipline yourself. Do not expect others to do all you would like them to do. Show just a little more goodwill and use a lot more common sense. Be less critical.

Mercury and Venus are more favourable to you and you will be better able to meet your objectives. Make sure you do not drive faster than you should. Avoid exposing yourself to infection. Be realistic.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

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You will be able to control your expenditure only if you make a conscious effort not to be extravagant. You should not leave things until the last moment. Make sure you do not expose yourself to infection. Be selective.

The prospects are favourable but what seemed like a formidable obstacle. A little more common sense is what is needed right now. You should try to avoid saying more than you had intended to do. Be magnanimous.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

After a good start things will tend to slow down so do what is most important first. You should not believe all your hear. You will know only later how lucky you have been. Be moderate.

The Moon's influence will be more favourable but you should nevertheless not place too much trust in your intuitions. You should rely more on ingenuity and less on improvisation. Your emotions will tend to get out of control unless you exercise more discipline.

You will tend to be rather nervous and the Moon's less favourable influence will not help. Avoid spending large sums in the hope of good returns just now. Do not act on hunches and do not trust to luck. Be tactful.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Aquino seeks debt relief from foreign creditors

MANILA, Nov 2. (AP): President Corazon Aquino appealed yesterday for new loans in advance of a scheduled visit by an International Monetary Fund panel to determine whether the country should qualify for additional money.

Mrs Aquino said in a statement that her government had taken steps to comply with IMF recommendations on economic reform and desperately needs new loans to finance land reform, health and education.

"I hope they will take this consideration in our favour and give us the necessary support so that our country will be able to use our funds for the priority needs," she told reporters.

The IMF panel is expected Wednesday to listen to government arguments in favour of additional loans. The Philippines owes about \$28.5 billion to foreign banks.

Money

Earlier this month, Central Bank Governor Jose Fernandez and Finance Secretary Vicente Jayme met in New York with representatives of creditor banks to discuss Philippine requests for new money.

But the two groups were divided over the size of the Philippine financing gap. Banking sources said the creditors believed the Aquino government had overestimated the amount of money it needed to finance the 1989-90 development plan.

Fernandez estimated the financing shortfall at \$3.1 billion, and banking sources said he asked for about \$2 billion in loans.

Philippine officials have also complained that the burden of servicing the debt has diverted funds from development projects necessary to restore political stability in this factious nation.

Foreign capital investment on the rise

SEOUL, Nov 2. (AP): Attracted by a booming economy, foreign capital investment in equity projects in South Korea rose to total \$1.099 billion for the January-September period, up by 41.6 per cent over the same period last year, the Finance Ministry reported today.

The nine-month tally on an approval basis involved 251 projects.

Ministry officials said total foreign investment included \$561 million for 202 manufacturing projects, down 13.1 per cent in dollar terms from the same nine-month period last year. No official explanation was given for the decrease.

Projects

They said \$526 million of overall foreign investment went into 45 service projects such as hotels and financing businesses, up 298 per cent in dollar terms. Hotels topped the list with \$413 million, reflecting a growth in tourism partly linked to the Summer Olympics Games in September.

The remaining \$12 million was invested in four agricultural projects.

Direct foreign investment in this country since 1982 stands at a total of \$4.82 billion after deducting withdrawals, finance officials said.

Iran's non-oil exports drop

NICOSIA, Nov 2. (Reuter): Iran's exports of non-oil goods fell by a quarter to \$399 million dollars in the first half of the Iranian year beginning on March 21 compared with the same period in 1987, the Iranian news agency IRNA said today.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted a customs report as saying the main export items were hand-woven carpets, pistachio nuts, animal hides and intestines, caviar, construction materials, textiles, fish and fresh and dried fruits.

Exports slowed down when the rial strengthened, making them more expensive, after Iran's announcement on July 18 that it was ready to accept a ceasefire in the war with Iraq.

The open market rate for the dollar dropped to below 600 rials from a peak of 1,500 in June but has now climbed back to 1,000 rials. The official rate fluctuates around 70 rials to a dollar.

Non-oil exports rose sharply two years ago when the government introduced new export incentives because plummeting oil prices had cut its main source of hard currency.

The measures, still in force, allowed businessmen to sell up to 100 per cent of their export earnings at the open market according to the items sold.

Venezuela considers plan to raise up to \$1b in new loans

Subroto reaffirms \$18 target oil price

OSLO, Nov 2. (Reuter): OPEC Secretary-General Subroto said today that the organisation would keep aiming at an oil price of \$18 a barrel, despite a slump in crude prices blamed chiefly on OPEC overproduction.

Subroto, an Indonesian, spoke to reporters on arrival in Norway at the start of a two-day visit to discuss Oslo's co-operation with the 13-nation group.

Asked whether the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) might consider dropping the price level of \$18 a barrel that it has pledged to defend, Subroto said:

"\$18 still the target we are shooting at."

Oil prices are currently just above \$12 a barrel.

Assessment

He also gave an upbeat assessment of efforts to resolve disagreement on production quotas between Iran and Iraq — perhaps the major stumbling block to any new OPEC pact.

"Efforts are being made on the diplomatic level ... a very active diplomatic effort to solve this," Subroto said. He gave no further

details.

Iraq at present refuses any quota, saying that it should be allowed equality of production with Gulf war foe Iran.

Iran, historically a bigger producer, has rejected that as unfair.

A meeting last month of OPEC's pricing and long-term strategy committee sought to devise a new basis for fixing output quotas on which all 13 OPEC states could agree.

But it failed to bring Iraq back into the fold, something which may now be left until a key ministerial meeting which starts in Vienna on Nov 21.

Asked the ministers' meeting would be "make or break" for the organisation, Subroto said: "I would like to see make rather than break ... we are all endeavouring to bring some order to the market."

He estimated demand for OPEC oil at between 18.5 and 19 million barrels per day (BPD) in the fourth quarter. OPEC currently has a production limit of 15.06 million BPD, excluding Iraq, but oil market analysts say

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Growth

Norwegian Oil Minister Arne Oeien last month threatened to drop a 7.5 per cent cut in planned production growth, introduced in February 1987, unless OPEC restored internal discipline.

"I have come ... to renew the co-operation between OPEC and Norway," Subroto said.

"Both Norway and OPEC are in the same boat. If they can work together to stabilise the market, it would be to everyone's advantage and would help us strengthen the market."

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The operation appears to involve the sale of revenues from future oil sales to procure funds now.

"The Bank of America and the firm Salomon Brothers have been contracted as agents to structure this transaction and implement the later placement in the market of institutional investors," the ministry statement said.

Bank of America is a subsidiary of San Francisco-based BankAmerica Corp., and Salomon Brothers Inc. is a New York-based investment bank.

The ministry said while the credits are based on oil sales, they did not involve trading in the oil futures market, nor would the price of the crude be fixed during the transaction's term.

The confirmation that Venezuela is seeking the loans followed Finance Minister Hector Hurtado's denial on Monday

that he had any knowledge of such a transaction. The statement gave no explanation as to why Hurtado denied knowing of the proposed deal, which was reported in Monday's Wall Street Journal.

The newspaper said Venezuela had decided to seek the loans because of its unwillingness to turn to the International Monetary Fund for help with a balance of payments deficit.

Venezuela's total foreign debt of \$30.3 billion is the fourth biggest in Latin America, after Brazil, Mexico and Argentina.

The government of President Jaime Lusinchi has been unable to persuade foreign banks to grant it fresh loans, other than project financing or export credits.

Many commercial banks insist on a debtor nation agreeing to an economic programme before granting new loans.

Hurtado has ruled out arranging any standby loan with the IMF during the remaining months of Lusinchi's administration, which leaves office in February.

Company tries to raise flagging stock price

Sears changes its marketing strategy

CHICAGO, Nov 2. (Reuter): Sears, Roebuck and Company, haunted by takeover rumours for months, said yesterday it would sell the 110-storey Sears Tower, slash costs and change its basic marketing strategy in a major shakeup at the world's largest retailer.

In a broad-ranging restructuring, Sears will raise enough cash to buy back about 10 per cent of its stock, worth some \$1.7 billion.

But Sears' bid to raise its flagging stock price fell flat on Wall Street, where more dramatic measures had been anticipated. Sears shares tumbled \$2.125, to

\$41.50, in afternoon trading.

The retailer's low profits and under-performing divisions have boosted takeover rumours.

Chairman Edward Brennan said consumers were confused by Sears' frequent sales and promotions, and the new strategy was to reduce inventories and boost sales with "every-day low pricing".

Retail industry analyst John Landschulz said: "This is a major turning point for Sears, Roebuck ... lack of growth has been their big problem. By putting the emphasis on every-day low prices it gives them an opportunity for growth."

The biggest piece of the restructuring is the abandonment of the Sears Tower, the world's tallest building, which promises to be the largest single-building sale in history. The price tag on the building is estimated at \$750 million to \$1.8 billion.

In the largest prior building sale, Citicorp last year sold a part interest in Citicorp Tower, one of New York's most prestigious office properties, for \$670 million.

Sears shares have been depressed for more than a year but lurched higher recently after takeover rumours began to surround the company. The

rumours gained momentum in recent weeks as a number of huge deals captured headlines: RJR Nabisco Inc's record \$20.3 billion offer from leveraged buyout specialist Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Company, and the agreement by Kraft Inc to be acquired by Philip Morris for \$13.1 billion.

"We are acutely aware of investors' desires for improved returns and enhanced share value," said Brennan. But in a statement Sears talked about a post-restructuring company that would not be dramatically changed, since it will not leave any of its four major businesses.

Gas production

ABU DHABI, Nov 2. (OPECNA): The total 1988 production of the Dubai Gas Company (DUGAS) will reach 600,000 tonnes of liquefied natural gas (LNG) this year. The figure does not include dry gas which the company also produces.

Company deputy chairman

Mirza Hussein Al Sayegh will

next month sign two agreements

with Japanese firms to replace a

five-year contract expiring in

1990, according to a local news-

paper.

Shortages

Even though it is just begin-

ning and hardly the cause of such

shortages, reform has lost friends to the "declining living stand-

ards" argument, a key weapon in the conservative opposition's arsenal.

"He desperately wants to

increase the quantity and quality

of consumer goods," one Wes-

tern diplomat said.

"Yes, it is a way of buying off

discontent to make the people

work harder. This is really what

he should be doing, though. He

should be increasing the flow of

consumer goods to boost incen-

tives. People are going to stop

working if they have nothing to

work for."

In an interview with the West

German magazine *Der Spiegel*,

Gorbachev attacked notions

that West was bailing out his

reforms or that the Kremlin was

eager for a "Marshall Plan" to

revive its economy.

Goods

"This is, as I understand it... in

some respect an instance of

arrogance," he said.

"It is claimed that without the

capitalist engine, it will be impos-

sible to pull out the Soviet eco-

nomic train. To cut a long story

short, I will say the following: We

are sure that we will resolve our

problems on our own, but we are

prepared fully to use the oppor-

tunities offered by external rela-

tions. We are not expecting 'ass-

istance.'

Two deals concluded in

October, with a West German

consortium led by Deutsche

Bank for 3 billion marks (\$1.67

billion) and with an Italian con-

sortium for \$775 million, were

specifically earmarked for an

urgent modernisation of the

decrepit factories of the Soviet

consumer goods industry.

Last July the Soviet Union

floated a \$273 million Eurobond

issue in Deutsche marks for the

same purpose. That followed a

trial issue of \$65.3 million by

Swiss banks in January.

Some bankers interpret the

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3-4, 1988

LONDON

(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
ABBEY LIFE	281/0	LAST	499.0	499.0
ADT LTD	152.0	LEGAL-GEN	301.0	301.0
ALD LYONS	470/0	LONRHO	380/0	380/0
AMSTRAD	204.0	LUCAS IND	585/0	585/0
ARGYLL GP	170/0	MAGNET	215/0	215/0
ASDA GP	147/0	MARKE'S SP	164/0	164/0
BAA	277.0	MAXWELL C	189.0	189.0
BTR	300.0	MB GROUP	128.0	127.0
BAT IND	456/0	MEPC	572.0	572.0
SARCLAYS	410.0	MIDLAND BK	415.0	415.0
BASS	806/0	MEXT	172/0	172/0
BEAVER	180/0	MT FOODS	283.0	283.0
BEECHAMS	467.0	P & O PFD	573/0	573/0
BERISFORD	406/0	PEARL	454/0	454/0
BICC PLC	375/0	ALLD COLL	128/0	129/0
BLUE ARM	95.0	ALLD I HN	243/0	242/0
BLUE CIRC	451/0	PILKINGTON	227/0	227/0
SOC GP	426/0	ALLD LDN	132/0	133/0
SCOTS CO	223/0	PLESSEY	170/0	170/0
SPB TINDS	270.0	POLLY PEC	307/0	307/0
SR COMM	242/0	ALLIANCE	852/0	851/0
SR AIRWAY	168.0	AMBER DAY	52/0	52/0
SR AEROSP	491/0	AMT HLTCH	256/0	256/0
SR GAS RG	163/0	REDLAND	429.0	429.0
SR GAS RT	163/0	REED	412/0	412/0
SR LAND	343/0	RMC GRP	511/0	511/0
S.P.P.	244.0	APPLEYARD	464/0	463/0
SR TELCOM	417.5	RTZ CORP	430/0	430/0
ROLLS ROY	134/0	ASHLEY LA	114/0	114/0
SURMAN OL	544.0	ATTWOODS	324/0	325/0
BURTON	204.0	CHLORIDE	594/0	610/0
CABLEHAIR	402.0	CHRISTIES	604/0	605/0
CADSBURYS	372.0	CI GROUP	46/0	46/0
COATS VIT	179.0	CHTR SEC	49/0	49/0
COMM UNI	332.0	CHTRG OIL	158/0	159/0
CONS GOLD	186.0	COALITE	332/0	331/0
COOKSONS	262.0	LILLEY F	53/4	54/0
COURTAULD	95.00	LIT	150/0	151/0
DALGETY	350.0	LLOYD TPH	209/0	210/0
DIXON'S	477.0	LOCAL LDN	530/0	528/0
DTL.CHART	492.0	LOGICA	382/0	380/0
ENCI CHINA	491.0	LOW	164/0	165/0
ENTER OIL	581.0	MANDERS	210/0	210/0
FKI BACB	137.0	MARLEY	164/0	164/0
FERRANTI	95.0	MATTHEWS	84/0	85/0
FISONS	250.0	MCARTHY	245/0	246/0
GATEWAY	168.0	MCRYSTAL	165/0	165/0
GEN ACCID	863.0	MAEJIDE	216/0	217/0
GEN ELEC	176/0	DARES EST	28/4	28/6
GLAxD	110/0	WANDERS	210/0	210/0
GRAHADA	328/4	MARKEATH	74/0	75/0
GLOBE	146.5	MARLEY	174/0	175/0
GLYMMED	302/0	MEG GROUP	346/0	345/0
GUARD RYL	183.0	MEGACIPIF	169/0	170/0
GUN	330/0	MEIDEN	130/0	130/0
GUINNESS	341/0	MENEC	228/0	227/0
HANNSR A	663.0	MENZIES	302/0	300/0
HANSON	149.0	MERCH. TST	156/0	157/0
HARRIS C	656/0	MERLIN	113/0	113/0
HAKER SII	553/0	MERLINS	78/0	78/0
HILLSDOM	267/0	METALRAX	89/0	88/0
ICI	035/0	MEYER INT	408/0	408/0
WLD BSC	302.0	MIDSUMMER	181/0	180/0
WLD HMPR	88.59	MIDSUMMER	253/0	254/0
WLD MWSR	101/0	MIDSUMMER	151/0	152/0
WLD STG	112.19	MIDSUMMER	112.19	111.64
WLD LOC	118.84	MIDSUMMER	118.23	116.01

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-DR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1495.6	1507.7	1508.9	1476.5
FT 500 SHR	0	1058.1	1054.7	1030.5
FT ALL SHR	0	968.2	965.54	946.27
FT GOV SEC	89.19	89.33	89.31	87.92
FT GOLD PN	169.9	169.1	168.9	171.6
FT MINES F	0	561.59	555.09	596.93
FT OIL	0	1738.9	1734.3	1765.2
FT WLD DLR	133.89	133.82	133.17	125.62
FT WLD STG	112.34	112.19	111.64	110.62
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London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS LAGUISH NEAR LOWS IN LATE TRADING				
LONDON, Nov 2, REUTER - EQUITIES WERE LAGUISHING NEAR THE DAY'S LOWS IN DESULTORY TRADING AS A WEAK DOLLAR AND AN EASIER START ON WALL STREET HEIGHED ON THE MARKET.				
DEALERS SAID GROWING BEARISHNESS OVER THE DOLLAR AND A REALISATION THAT U.K. INTEREST RATES WOULD NOT BE COMING DOWN FOR SOME CONSIDERABLE TIME PUSHED SHARES LOWER THIS MORNING. THE FALL THEN ACCELERATED WHEN A NUMBER OF SELL PROGRAMMES WERE TRIGGERED AT THE FTSE 100 SLID THROUGH 1,850 YESTERDAY.				
"THE DOLLAR'S FALL HAS MADE A LOT OF PEOPLE NERVOUS BUT AS YET THERE'S NO REAL SELLING PRESSURE IN THE MARKET," SAID ONE TRADER. BY 1550 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS 18.5 POINTS OFF AT 1,839.3.				
DEALERS NOTED THAT IT WAS THE MAJOR EXPORTING COMPANIES, AND THEREFORE BIG DOLLAR EARNERS, WHICH HAD SUFFERED MOST TODAY AS THE U.S. CURRENCY FELL.				
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HOWEVER, MORE INTERVENTION BY THE U.S. FEDERAL RESERVE SERVED TO RALT THE DOLLAR'S DECLINE AND WALL STREET WAS TRADING ONLY NARROWLY EASIER WHEN DEALERS HERE HAD FEARED IT WOULD FALL MUCH FARTHER.				

London Gold

LONDON, Nov 2, REUTER - PLATINUM FINISHED AT 578.50/579 DLRs AN OUNCE, AROUND ITS HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE EARLY JULY AND UP SHARPLY FROM TUESDAY'S LONDON CLOSE 553.25/555.00 DLRs.				
EARLY GAINS IN NYMEX FUTURES SAW THE METAL BREAK THROUGH AN EXPECTED RESISTANCE AREA OF 575 DLRs IN LONDON DURING THE AFTERNOON, HAVING SURGED ABOVE A SIGNIFICANT 560 DLRs POINT DURING NEW YORK'S SESSION TUESDAY, DEALERS SAID.				
LONDON INTEREST WAS MAINLY SPECULATIVE, FOLLOWING REPORTS THAT JAPAN HAS STEPPED ITS PHYSICAL DEMAND FOR THE METAL DUE TO STRENGTH IN THE YEN. ITS ADVANCE LENT SUPPORT TO GOLD AND SILVER, THEY ADDED.				

London Money Market

LONDON, Nov 2, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES FINISHED BARELY CHANGED ON OVERNIGHT LEVELS, THOUGH LONGER DATES SHOWED A SLIGHTLY FIRMER BASIS AFTER A QUIET DAY'S TRADE.				
"IT'S BEEN A STRUGGLE TO DO BUSINESS," SAID ONE DEALER.				
AFTER THE U.K. CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER'S RECENT COMMENTS ON DEFEATING INFLATION THROUGH HIGH INTEREST RATES, THE MARKET HAS ACCEPTED THE IDEA THAT THE CURRENT LEVEL OF INTEREST RATES IS HERE TO STAY UNTIL AT LEAST THE BUDGET NEXT YEAR.				
ONE DEALER SAID HE EXPECTED THE MARKET TO BE LOCKED IN A 3/8 POINT RANGE UNTIL MID-1989. THE KEY THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE ENDED AT 12-1/8 12 PCT, UNCHANGED FROM LAST NIGHT.				

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DKR	FFR	OPG
1.7730/40	1.7815/20	6.0780/30		
3.1570/1605	3.1570/1605	10.7810/7925		NOON
2.6740/6573	2.6540/6573	84.02/12	24.61/64	1300
3.5615	112.775	33.04		

International Bond Highlights

NEW YORK: Great Western Bank issued 250 million dollars of floating rate step-down notes due 1991 simultaneously in the US and on international capital markets, said manager Merrill Lynch capital markets. (RTT 1551)

LONDON: Honda International Finance BV, a unit of Honda Motor Co Ltd, is issuing a 100 million dollar Eurobond due Nov. 29, 1993 paying 9-1/8 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager Nomura International Ltd said. (RTX 1417) It is also issuing a 100 million ECU Eurobond due Nov. 29, 1993 paying 7-7/8 pct and priced at 101-3/4 pct, lead manager Morgan Stanley International said. (RTY 1456)

ZURICH: Japan's Chubu Electric Power Co is issuing a 300 million Swiss franc, six year, 4-1/2 pct bond priced at 100-3/4 pct, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland said. (RTW 0923)

LONDON: Deutsche Bank Australia Ltd is issuing a 125 million Australian dollar five year Eurobond paying 13-3/8 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager Deutsche Bank Capital Markets said.

TOKYO: Junk bonds, once shunned by Japanese investors, are finding new life here packaged in funds that reduce the loss potential and open the investment market in medium-sized US companies, analysts said. (Economic Spotlight, ECRJ-Q).

Interest Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	11-15/16 13/16	12 11-7/8	12-3/16 1/16
FFT	4.75/85	4.70/80	4.90/5.00
PAR	7-11/16 13/16	7-3/4 7/8	8 8-1/8
ZUR	1-5/8 1-7/8	3-1/2 4	3-3/8 4-1/8
BRX	4.85	7-3/16 3/16	7-1/4 5/16
RON	10-3/8 10-7/8	11 11-1/2	11-3/8 11-7/8
AMS	5.12/25	5.20/30	5.20/30
TKD	3.9375 4.0000	4.3125 3750	4.4375 5000
ECU	7.25 7.50	7.43 7.56	7.50 7.62

Interest Rates

	Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-13/16	7-1/4	
3 months	6-3/4	7-1/4	
6 months	6-9/16	7-1/16	
1 year	6-9/16	7-1/16	

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	76.50	78	80	NICO	640	635	640	
ACC	276.50	292	303	GNFC	57.50	57.50	58.25	MURKAND	109	110	110
ASIA PAINT	213.75	217.50	217.50	GSFC	138.75	140	143.75	ORKAY	38.50	40	41
BAJAJ AUTO	367.50	370	378.75	HIND LEVER	85	85	84	PEICO	32	30	31
BOM.DYING	133	134	138.50	HINDALCO	123	124	124	PFIZER	76	76	77.50
BR. BOND	112	111	113	HINDMOTOR	29.50	30.25	29.75	RAYMOND	60	58	60.50
BSE INDEX	675.38	654.18	654.18	IND ORG	41	40.50	43.50	RELIANCE	165.50	165	168
CENTURSPG	1280	1300	1340	INDRAYON	79	79	79.50	SIEMENS	103	105	106
COLGATE	302.50	308.25	312.00	INDROL	268.75	266.25	281.25	SPIC	50.50	51	51.75
DEEPAKERT	39.50	40	41	ITC	54	52	54	STOMILS	310	300	310
EL-HOTEL	50	50	53	JKSYNTH	82.75	82	82.75	TATA PMR	335	330	365
ESKAYEF	145	145	146.25	L AM T	126	126	132	TATACHEEN	101	100	102
ESSAR	23	23	24	HANINDRA	98	99	105.50	TECO	711.25	710	717.50
GAR. POLY	93.75	95	96.25	MASTERSH	16.50	16.25	16.75	TISCO	962.50	967.50	985
GE.SHP	39.50	39.25	40.50	MATHER PL	58.50	72.50	75.75	VOLTAS	440	430	440

AMMAN

OPNG	CLS	JOR LEASING CORP.	0.57	0.56
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY		JOR LIM BRICK	0.50	0.50
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.		JOR NATIONAL BANK	3.70	3.70
ARAB BANK		JOR PHOSPHATE MINS		
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.15	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	2.00	2.15
ARAB FINANCE CORP.		JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	4.00	4.25
ARAB INSURANCE	1.01	JOR SECURITY CORP.	1.05	
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.	0.98	JOR SELPHO CHEM.		
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.90	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	0.99	
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.58	JOR WORSTED MILL	4.60	4.60
ARAB JRV/INVEST/BK		JOR. KUWAIT AGR.	1.00	0.93
ARAB PAPER CO/IND		JOR. PETROLEUM REF.		
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.		JOR. FRENCH INS.	0.76	0.75
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN.		JOR. INV.FIN.CORP.	2.22	2.21
ARAB POTASH CO.		JORDAN GULF REAL		
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	JORDAN DAIRY		
BANK OF JORDAN		JORDAN GULF BANK		
BELGUM INSURANCE	1.00	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
CATRO AHMAM BANK	29.00	JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK		
DAN AL SHABAB PRESS		JORDAN KUWAIT BANK		
DARCO/ALDANA DV/INV.		JORDAN TANNING	1.95	1.95
FINANCE/COM/INVEST/HOUS.		LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.70	0.73
GENARAGE OWNERS OFF		MACH/EGU/TERM/MAIN		
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.30	MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.40
GENERAL MINING	1.38	MIDDLE EAST INS.	60.00	60.00
HINMEN MINERALS	0.75	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.67	0.74
HOLY LAND INS.	1.25	MAT-FIN/INVEST CO		
IND/MATCH JENCO		MAT/CABLE/WIRE/NF		
INDSTR/DEVPLT BHK		NATIONAL AHILA INS.	1.30	1.24
INDSTR/CONVA/AGR.		NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.38	0.38
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.74	0.73
INTERM/CON/INV	0.12	NATIONAL STEEL		
IRBD ELECTRICITY	0.86	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
INTERMED/PETRI/CH	0.64	PETRA CABLE	2.15	2.12
J TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	PHILADELPHIA INS.		
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.00	RAFAI INDUSTRIAL	0.75	0.75
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	25.01	REAL ESTATE INV.	0.42	0.42
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	25.01	RESPUBLICAN BANK	1.90	1.83
JOR FINANCE HOUSE		THE HOUSING BANK	1.05	1.07
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.98	UNITED INSURANCE	1.78	1.80
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	UNIVERSAL CHM. IND.	0.68	0.69
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.20	UNIVERSAL INS.		
JOR INS AND FIN.		WOOLEN INDUSTRIES		
JOR INS AND FIN.		YARMOUK INSURANCE		

KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P. CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	1.110	1.110	1.110	1.110	170000	10
GULF BANK	0.425	0.420	0.420	0.420	10000	1
COMMERCIAL BK	0.315					
ALHI BANK	0.385					
B.K.M.E	0.395					
K.R.E.B.	0.390					
BURGAN BANK	0.305					
K.F. HOUSE	0.560					
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
KMT INV. CO.	0.154					
K-F.T.C.I.C.	0.210					
K.I.I.C.	0.142					
CON.FACILITIES	0.480					
AHLAH INV.	0.000					
I.F.A.	0.100					
INV. PEARL KUT	0.106					
INSURANCE SECTOR						
KUT INSURANCE	0.730					
GULF INSURANCE	0.350					
ALHAIA INS. CO.	0.580					
WARBA INS. CO.	0.445					
REAL EST. SECTOR						
KMT R.EST. CO.	0.224					
UNI.R.EST. CO.	0.098					
NAT R.EST. CO.	0.202					
SALHARIA R.E.	0					

UK stocks languish near lows

Dollar weaker despite Fed intervention

LONDON, Nov 2, (Reuters): The central banks of the United States and Japan bought dollars in renewed open market intervention today to prop up America's currency.

The US Federal Reserve Bank bought dollars for yen when currency trading opened in New York. The Bank of Japan bought an estimated \$300 million to \$400 million during Tokyo's trading day.

After the US intervention, London traders said the dollar perked up by 1430 GMT it was hardly changed from its opening level, fetching just under 125 yen.

British and West German shares fell while gold and oil prices edged higher.

Most currency dealers reckoned the dollar would remain weak ahead of the US presidential election next Tuesday.

"People are still very negative here," said economist Tim Fox of Barclays Bank Global Treasury Services in London.

Investors

The pattern of the last few days has been for heavy dollar selling in Asia partially countered in the European and US trading days by news of dollar-buying intervention by the Bank of Japan and the US Federal Reserve.

Today's trading was complicated by the fact that Thursday is a national holiday in Japan.

'Deficit will remain huge unless policies are changed'

New study predicts only modest US trade gains

WASHINGTON, Nov 2 (Reuters): A new study supports the government's claim that deep-seated economic changes will prevent America's trade gap from widening again but warns the deficit will remain huge unless policies are changed.

The report, by a top economist at the Federal Reserve, is significant because it is one of the first attempts to put a number on the impact that phenomena such as rising investment and productivity, which are neglected in conventional forecasting models, might have on the nation's trade balance.

Deficit

The study estimates that trade gains from these and other so-called "supply-side" factors could reduce the US current account deficit, which measures trade in goods and services and investment earnings, by \$60 billion a year by 1993.

But the deficit, assuming no change in the dollar's inflation-

"Institutional investors hurried to sell ahead of the holiday here, on expectations that downward pressure on the dollar could increase because the Bank of Japan cannot support it tomorrow," said Hirozumi Tanaka, foreign exchange department chief at Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank in Tokyo.

The dollar opened about half a pfennig and a quarter of a yen down in London at 1.7825 West German marks and 125 yen and by midday had eased to around 1.7795 and 1.2475.

Much of the market's concern about the dollar sprung from long-term worries about the US budget deficit.

Britain's pound sterling opened about half a pfennig lower at 3.1550 marks, but was a cent higher at \$1.77. By midday it traded around 3.1588 marks and \$1.7733.

Dealers said Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson implied in his autumn economic statement to parliament yesterday that British interest rates would remain high in order to fight rising inflation.

Slipped

Lawson said in a radio interview this morning that interest rate levels appeared adequate and he saw no need to raise them for now.

West German shares shed pre-bourse gains to start lower but French shares started quietly fir-

mer after a four-day All Saints holiday weekend.

In Asia, Tokyo's 225-share Nikkei average slipped 28.41 points to 27,985.26, breaking a run of seven consecutive trading days of gains.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index ended 7.61 points lower at 2,607.82 in dull trading and thin turnover, dealers said.

Australian shares were lower in cautious, lackluster trading and Sydney's All Ordinaries index fell 5.5 points to 1,579.4.

Gold was fixed in London this morning at \$412.50 an ounce compared with a close of \$410.75 yesterday.

Brent oil from Britain's North Sea was quoted in Europe at around \$12.60 a barrel for December delivery compared with \$12.22 at the close in London yesterday.

In London equities were languishing near the day's lows in desultory trading as a weak dollar and an easier start on Wall Street weighed on the market.

Dealers said growing bearishness over the dollar and a realisation that UK interest rates would not be coming down for some considerable time pushed shares lower this morning. The fall then accelerated when a number of sell programmes were triggered as the FTSE 100 slid through 1,350 toward midday.

"The dollar's fall has made a lot of people nervous but as yet there's no real selling pressure in

the market," said one trader. By 1550 GMT the FTSE 100 was 18.5 points off at 1,339.3.

Dealers noted that it was the major exporting companies, and therefore big dollar earners, which had suffered most today as the US currency fell.

ICI was 12p down at 1,034, Hawker Siddeley slipped 11p to 554, Glaxo dropped 12p to 1,110, Shell shed 10p to 470 and Bat lost 10p to 457.

However, more intervention by the US Federal Reserve served to halt the dollar's decline and Wall Street was trading only narrowly easier when dealers had feared it would fall much farther.

Sentiment

Overall market sentiment was also undermined by retailer Marks and Spencer's half-year figures, which showed a pre-tax profit at the lower end of analysts' forecasts at £185.5 million. The figure compared with £171.7 million in the first half of 1987 and estimates of £185 million to £195 million.

Publisher Reed International, though, proved a bright spot with its shares up 2p to 415 after reporting first-half £133.2 million, against market forecasts of around £115 million.

Scottish and Newcastle were steady at 401p with its downside potential limited by the 400p per share Elders bid.

Furnishings company

Coloroll, unchanged at 175, also reported half-year results above expectations today, with pre-tax profit at 20.55 million compared with 11.15 million in 1987.

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Iraq to expand external long-term economic ties

BAGHDAD, Nov 2 (OPECNA): Iraq's First Deputy Prime Minister, Taher Yassin Ramadhan, said here yesterday that Iraq had drawn up a general framework for expanding its external economic ties on a long-term basis.

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Dear Junior Readers,

If you have ever played a game called 'Chinese Whispers', where a sentence is whispered from person to person in a large group, you will know just how much the original sentence can change by the time it is spoken aloud by the last person. Of course, part of the reason for this is that the sentence is not clearly heard as it is passed on, but another reason is that people either add words or leave them out to make the sentence funnier or more interesting.

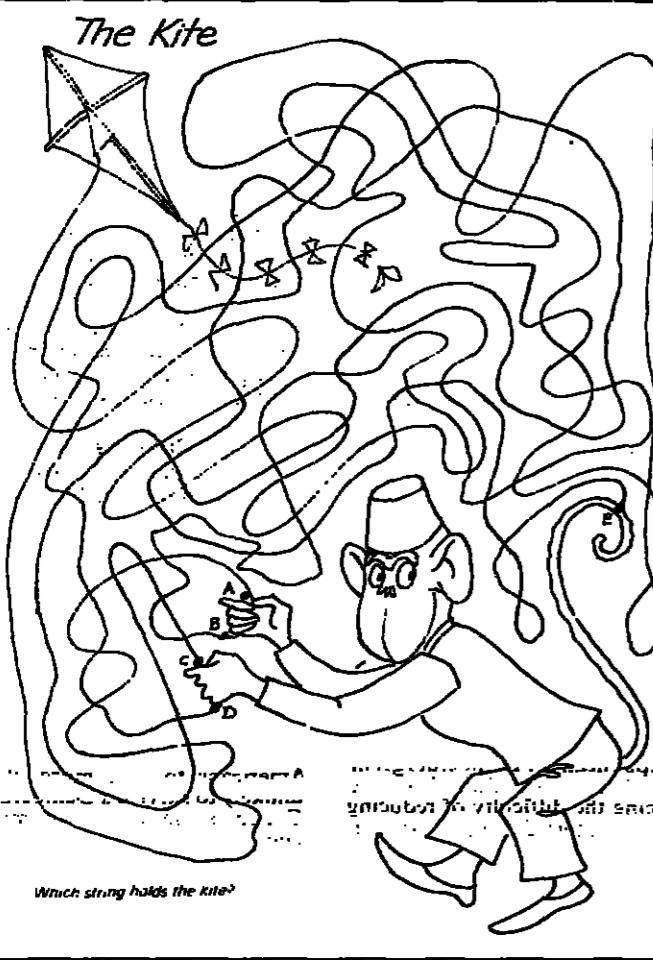
The point I want to make is that this is often what happens to rumours and gossip — things get added or taken away and a story which was quite harmless in the beginning ends up as something very dangerous. It may be that the bad talk does not actually get changed very much, but what is going round was untrue or twisted information in the first place.

The lesson to be learned is not to spread such gossip and rumours by repeating something unkind someone has told you about a friend or classmate. Even if what you have heard is true, it is unfair to go around telling dozens of people a secret that was first meant to be heard by only one person. If the rumour is not true, then you could be playing a part in making someone very unhappy, especially if he or she cannot get people to believe the truth.

The best advice is to break the rumour chain and say nothing. Just imagine how you would feel if others were spreading gossip about you!

Auntie Jayne

Solution to Tuesday's crossword:
Across: 1 Tunic; 4 Model; 7 Enlists; 8 Ode; 9 Canal; 10 Flag; 12 Eel; 14 East; 16 Issue; 19 Car; 20 Concert; 21 Water; 22 Timid
Down: 1 Treadle; 2 Nylon; 3 Castle; 4 Mask; 5 Drill; 6 Lie; 11 Greeted; 13 Linen; 15 Strut; 17 Steam; 18 Scar; 19 Cow

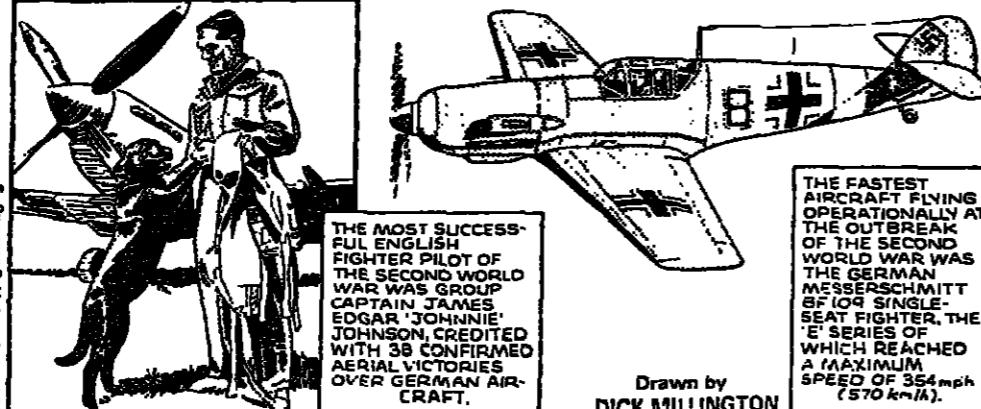


Happiness

Happiness is going to the park,
Happiness is listening to the lark,
Happiness is playing games,
Happiness is in London having picnics near the Thames,
Happiness is going to the beaches,
Happiness is having peaches,
Happiness is swimming in the pool,
Happiness is studying in the school.

Many thanks to Miss Surekha Baliga, aged 10, of Class V Carmel School, for sending in this nice poem.

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THERE was once a woman who had no children, and this caused her great sorrow.

"Dear sun," she said one warm summer's day, "give me a baby girl, and I will give her back to you when she is twelve years old." So the sun gave her a little girl, who was called Letiko, and the woman was extremely fond of her.

Now when Letiko was twelve years old, she went one day to gather wild flowers in the meadow, and the sun came to her, saying, "Letiko, go and tell your mother that the time has come for her to keep her promise to me."

So Letiko went home, and told her mother that a fine gentleman had told her that it was time for her mother's promise to be kept. Her mother turned pale with fright, and rushed to close all the doors and windows in the house, to prevent the sun from coming in.

But she forgot the key-hole, and through this the sun sent a sunbeam, which seized Letiko and took her off to the sun.

Now one day the sun sent Letiko into the barn to fetch some straw. She sat down on one of the bales and began to cry.

"Just as you sigh beneath me, straw," she said, "so my heart sighs for my dear mother."

She was so long away that when she came back the sun asked her, "What is

the matter, Letiko? Why were you away for so long?"

"My slippers are so big," she replied, "that I can hardly walk in them."

So the sun made her slippers a little smaller.

On another occasion the sun sent her to the spring for water, and she sat down beside the spring and cried.

"Just as you flow past me, water, so flows my heart with longing to my dear mother."

Again she was a long time away, so when she came back the sun asked her, "What is the matter, Letiko? Why were you away for so long?"

"My dress is too long, and I trip over it when I walk," she said.

So the sun cut her dress a little shorter.

Not long afterwards he sent her for a pair of sandals. As Letiko was carrying them back she again began to cry.

"Just as you creak, leather, so my heart breaks for my dear mother."

"What is the matter, Letiko?" asked the sun once again. "Why were you away for so long?"

"My hat is too wide and if I fall over my eyes, she replied.

So the sun made her hat a little narrower.

But the sun was well aware of Letiko's sadness, for he had heard her crying for her mother. So he sent for two young hares, and asked them if they would be willing to take Letiko

back to her.

"Yes, indeed," they replied.

"What will you eat and drink?" asked the sun, "if you are hungry and thirsty on the way?"

"We shall eat grass, and drink the sparkling waters of the streams," they replied.

"All right," said the sun.

"Look after her carefully and take her home to her mother."

So the two young hares set off with Letiko, but it was a long, long way to her mother's house, and the hares began to feel hungry.

"Dear Letiko," they said, "climb this tree and stay there in safety until we have eaten."

So the hares went off to look for fresh grass, while Letiko sat in the fork of the tree and looked round about her. Suddenly a

wicked witch appeared below, and said, "Come down, my child, come and see what beautiful shoes I have!"

"Oh, my shoes are much more beautiful than yours!" replied Letiko.

"Quickly, my child, hurry up!" said the witch.

"It is time I was sweeping out my house!"

"Go and sweep it then," said Letiko, "and come back here when you've finished."

So the witch went away and swept out her house, and returned beneath the tree, calling up, "Come down, my child, come and see what lovely clothes I have!"

"Oh, my clothes are much more lovely than yours!" replied Letiko.

"Come down at once, do you hear?" cried the witch, stamping her foot with

The sun-child



rage. "If you don't come, I will chop the tree down and eat you up!"

"Very well," said Letiko. "Chop it down and eat me up!"

So the witch hacked away, but she could not chop down the tree.

"Letiko, Letiko," she called up once more, "my children are hungry and want their food."

"Then go and feed them, and come back here when you have finished."

Off went the witch, and without wasting an instant Letiko called, "Little hares, little hares, come here!" The two hares came bounding back to the tree, so Letiko climbed down and off they went as fast as possible.

But the witch followed after them and tried to catch them.

Her way lay across a field where she saw people working.

"Did anyone pass this way?" she asked.

The people replied, "We are planting beans."

"Beans?" exclaimed the witch. "I asked you if anyone had passed this way."

"Can you not hear?" said the people. "We are planting beans, beans, beans!"

The witch scowled at them and hurried on her way.

Meanwhile Letiko was near home.

The cat, who was sitting in the sunshine on the roof, blinked her eyes and cried,

"Miaow! Miaow! Letiko is coming!"

"You miserable cat," said Letiko's mother, "do you want to break my heart?"

Then the dog saw her coming, pricked up his ears and barked, "Woof! Woof! Letiko is coming!"

"You miserable dog," said Letiko's mother, "do you want to break my heart?"

The cock, who was perched on the gate, shook his red comb and crowed, "Cock-a-doodle-doo! Letiko is coming."

"You miserable bird," said Letiko's mother, "do you want to break my heart?"

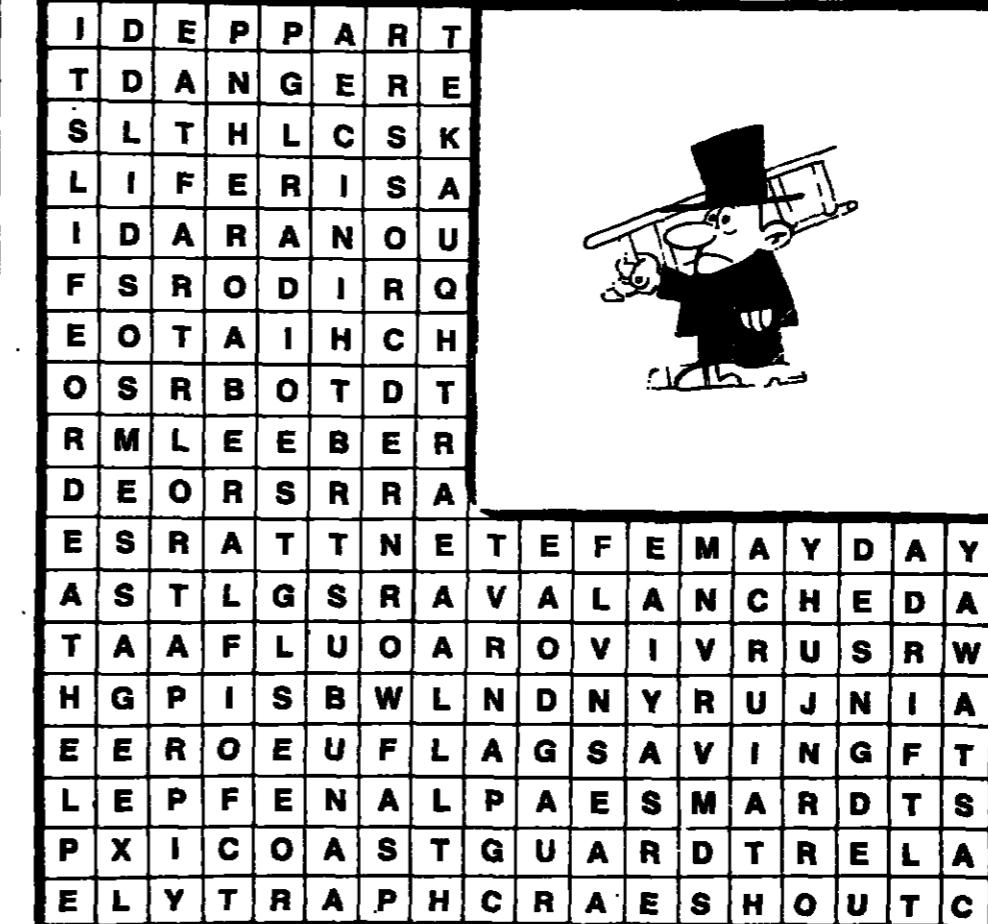
At that very moment Letiko and the two hares slipped through the gate and in at the door. The witch was close behind, and she grabbed one of the hares by the tail and pulled the tail right off. Then she vanished.

Letiko's mother flung both arms round her neck and wept for joy. Then she turned to the hare who had lost his tail, saying, "Dear hare, you have brought me back my Letiko, so I will make you a beautiful new tail of silver."

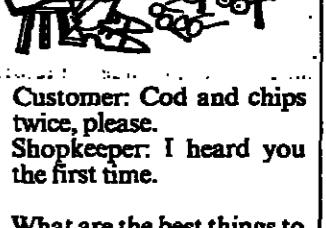
This she did, and from that day onwards Letiko and her mother lived happily together. The two hares settled down near the cottage and brought up a family of six beautiful baby hares, and three of them had silver tails, just like their father's.

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Clue: He saves from the sea (9 letters)



Customer: Cod and chips twice, please.

Shopkeeper: I heard you the first time.

What are the best things to put in a fruit cake? Teeth.

The thunder god, Thor, went for a ride on his favourite horse.

"I'm Thor!" he cried.

The horse answered, "You forgot the thaddle, thilly."

What happened to the man who didn't know toothpaste from putty? All his windows fell out.

What is the most valuable fish? A goldfish.

What has a hundred limbs but can't move? A tree.

What happened to the refrigerator when the plug was pulled off? It lost its cool.

What did Frankenstein say when hit by lightning? "Thanks, I needed that."

What comes from trees and fights cavities? A toothpick.

Molly: You remind me of a film star.

Dolly: Really? Who?

Molly: Jaws.

Cat Kisses
Sandpaper kisses
on a cheek or a chin—
that is the way
for a day to begin!

Sandpaper kisses—
a cuddle, a purr
I have an alarm clock
that's covered with fur.

Bobbi Katz



Chinese comic books are very popular with children in Hong Kong but as few of them can afford to buy them, there are street stands where the comics can be hired cheaply and they sit there and read them.

Houses were first numbered in Paris in 1463. The practice was adopted in London 300 years later.

The St Edward's crown used in British coronations weighs nearly 5 lbs and contains over 400 precious stones.

Typewriters were first developed to help the blind.

Our lungs hold from 3 to 8 pints of air.

More people in the United States die in the months of January and February than in any other month. The months with the lowest rate of mortality are July, August and September.

There are thermal areas in New Zealand where, because of the earth's crust being extremely thin, the energy bottled up below the surface bursts through in the form of boiling mud pools.

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Cougars outshone other boats: Wilson

By Gail Seery

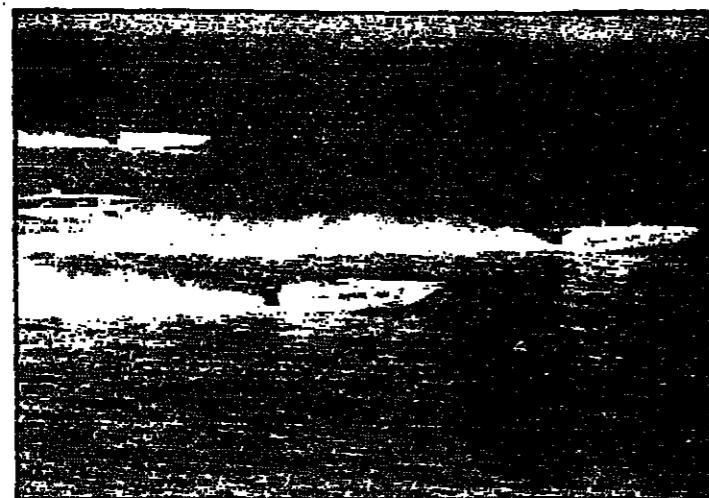
THERE can be little doubt that the third Bi-annual Kuwait Offshore Powerboat Race, held last Friday, was the best of the series to date. This time, despite a late start for "technical reasons", the race took place without a hiccup, and the scrutineering at the Sha'ab slipway was most certainly a successful and welcome innovation.

Grant Wilson of Cougar visited Kuwait for the second race held in June last year, and was also present for Friday's contest, to watch the progress made by the race committee, and also to lend support to the three Cougars which were expecting to race.

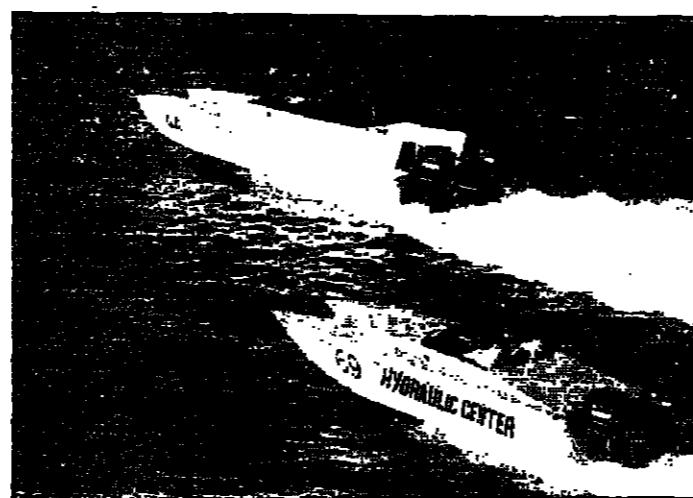
Problems

"This race was a lot better," he said. "Most of the hiccups from last time had been ironed out." There were still one or two minor problems, but Wilson sees a big improvement. "The next step is to form a race committee which will work from now to make sure that the next race is even better."

Wilson, an ex-world championship level throtleman himself, was pleased that, with five Cougar hulls currently racing in the Gulf, Cougar now had an



The boats at the start of the race.



Khaled Al Khaled (No.44) and Sayafe.

outright win to its credit. "Khaled Al Khaled did well, but I didn't have much to do with his boat," he said, expressing an opinion that the Cougars outshone all the other boats. He dismissed the Dubai-built Tigercats, and added: "The best outboard boat was the Dubai boat, belonging to Khaled Bakhit." That boat was a US-built 24-ft. Skater.

"It was very pleased with Nadia Al Mutawa's driving," he said.

"In many ways she and Jacqueline White were better

than some of the men, particularly on things like navigation. In the race they followed my advice to the letter."

Of the three Cougars entered, one, driven by Mishal Al Jarallah, and painted in Merit colours, failed to start because of engine problems, and Nadia Al Mutawa was forced to stop when the steering wheel came away in her hands. She was understandably disappointed.

"If we'd have kept going we would probably have finished third," she said modestly, but

from the helicopter it looked as if a higher place was within her grasp.

The third Cougar was driven by Khaled Al Khaled, who won a race on his first time out — an unusual achievement.

The next race is likely to be in May, although it is hoped that smaller events can now be held more frequently.

Hossam Sayafe, who flipped his Tigercat before the race is looking forward to racing again, but the damage sustained by his boat looks irrevocable. Fortunately

the same cannot be said for the damage done to throtleman Amjad Qutaineh. Although it was reported that he had broken his leg in the accident, he is out of hospital with nothing worse than a few cuts and bruises.

Arab Times would like to thank the helicopter pilots and the Coast Guard for all their help in making the race happen. Once again, we'd like to say a special thank you to the marshalls and helpers who, under the watchful eye of Wa'el Khoury, "helped make it happen".

New boxing group formed

LAS VEGAS, Nov 2. (Reuter): Yet another bunch of letters apparently have been thrown into the already murky alphabet soup that makes up boxing's governing bodies.

The new entry, the World Boxing Organisation (WBO), has not been announced officially, but promoter Bob Arum says it has been formed.

It's a good bet that it's no coincidence the first bout it will sanction is this Friday's Thomas Hearns-James Kinchen North American Boxing Federation (NABF) super middleweight title fight.

Lalonde overconfident, says Leonard

LAS VEGAS, Nov 2. (Reuter): A fighter's success depends greatly on confidence, but Sugar Ray Leonard said yesterday that Donny Lalonde has too much of it.

"His major weakness is his confidence. He gets right-hand crazy," said Leonard, referring to Lalonde's much heralded right hand which has taken him to a 31-2 record.

Holding
Lalonde's left is notoriously underdeveloped, the result of many shoulder separations and a permanently-implanted pin holding it together.

Leonard was asked about Lalonde's comment that Leonard does not have the 'guts' to stand toe-to-toe with him.

Credit

"He's a very intelligent man. No, I won't stand toe-to-toe with him. Maybe I'll get behind him," said Leonard with a grin.

"The key is to stay to my right, away from his right."

Leonard appeared to be warming up his noted psychological warfare, credited for helping him in his stunning upset of Marvin Hagler in April 1987 for the WBC middleweight title.

"We'll have to see what happens. Will Lalonde freeze when he gets in front of 15,000 people? Will he get right-hand crazy? That's one of the things I'll capitalise on," Leonard said.

Leonard said it was not true that he forced Lalonde, who normally fights at 175 pounds (79.3 kg), to come in at 168 pounds (76.2 kg) to fight him.

"Hell he's a natural 168."

Leonard said he will weigh his current 162 pounds (73.4 kg) for the fight, for which he will earn about \$15 million.

Lalonde will receive about \$5 million.

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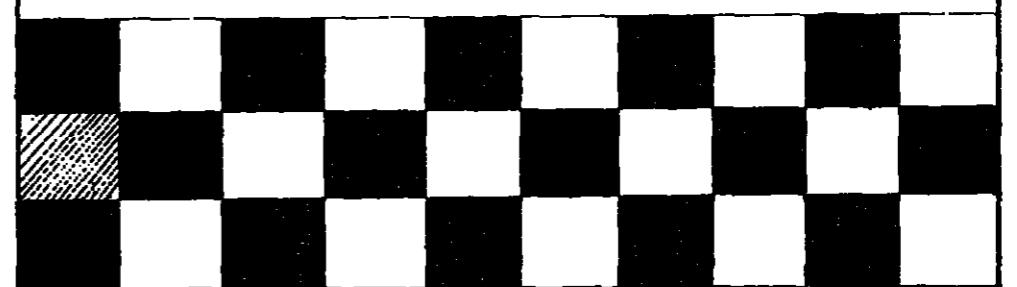
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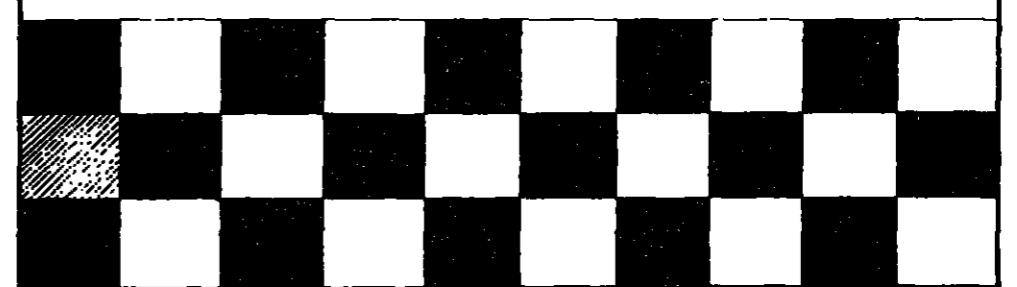
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Drug testing

BORLANGE, Sweden, Nov. 2. (Reuter): Sports officials from 26 countries recommended today that governments adopt random and out-of-competition drug testing of athletes to prevent recurrences of the Seoul Olympics scandal.

Political asylum

ANKARA, Nov. 2. (Reuter): Turkey has granted temporary political asylum to Doina Priskarmita, the trainer of the Romanian women's fencing team who sought refuge while in Ankara for Balkan Championship Games, a security official said today.

Brazilian striker

ROME, Nov. 2. (UPI): Ascoli's Brazilian centre-forward Walter Casagrande was resting comfortably today after two weeks of knee surgery which ended his Italian soccer season before it began.

Young talent

VIENNA, Nov. 2. (UPI): After the unsatisfactory results at the recent Seoul Olympics, the Austrian Track and Field Association will take definite steps to encourage young talent. Weekend courses for junior athletes will be held and the budget for women athletes will be raised.

Federation Cup

SYDNEY, Nov. 2. (Reuter): Argentine Gabriela Sabatini today joined a list of top women players to withdraw from next month's Federation Cup, to be held at the National Tennis Centre in Melbourne.

Cassidy wins

SAO PAULO, Nov. 2. (Reuter): Unsseeded American Dan Cassidy ousted top seed Luiz Maitar of Brazil 6-2, 6-2 in the opening round of the \$130,000 Sao Paulo Men's tennis tournament yesterday.

Rod Laver

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 2. (UPI): Australian Rod Laver, a double Grand Slam winner in the 1960s, says 1989 would be a decisive year for young American Andre Agassi's future and possible the time for West German Boris Becker to take over as the world's No. 1 tennis player.

Charity match

TURIN, Italy, Nov. 2. (AP): Members of Italy's 1982 World Cup championship team and an all-star selection from the "rest of the world" put on a scoring show yesterday as they played to a 3-3 draw in a charity match.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Regency Palace Ladies Bridge Club game played yesterday morning:

1. Randa Firas & Sonja Banayan
2. Daphne El Saad & Margaret Maynard
3. Nahid Akeel & Lollo Muthwaite
4. Results of the Messilah Ladies Bridge Club game held on Monday morning:
1. Nahid Akeel & Frederique Asfar
2. Juliette Mushabar & Sebendan Oskay
3. Jamila Akeel and Camilia Guirguis
4. Results of the Regency Palace Bridge Club game held on Sunday:
1. Binaca Mousawi & Richard Blacknell
2. Dhamra & Monteiro
3. A. Mousawi & Salameh
4. Results of Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday.

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1. A. L. Dusai & Merchant
2. Shah & Zubairi
3. Medari & Latifa
4. Dr. Sazl & Stacker
5. Mrs. Periera & D'Souza
6. Drever & Ninkherjee

A team of four bridge tournaments will be held tomorrow at Sheraton Hotel at 4.00 pm.

Al Hajri drops out of Oman International Rally

By Gail Seery

QATAR'S Saeed Al Hajri dropped out of the Oman International Rally in Muscat yesterday, to leave the Middle East Championship wide open.

Al Hajri had a chance to wrap up the championship in the absence of the injured Mohammed Bin Sulayem. A win here for Al Hajri would have made it impossible for Bin Sulayem to make up the difference.

Bin Sulayem now gets a chance of beating Al Hajri in the Dubai International Rally — if he is fit.

Problems

While Al Hajri made his exit on the third special stage after problems with his engine, Swedish driver Bjorn Waldegard and his co-driver Frederick went on to take a one and a half minute lead over Dubai's Ahmed Bin Khalifa by the end of the fourth stage.

Waldegard had been 32 seconds behind Al Hajri at the

SABATINI OVERCOMES REIS

Navratilova routs Schimper



Navratilova: had an easy match

WORCESTER, Mass., Nov. 2. (Agencies): Top-seeded Martina Navratilova coasted, while third seed Gabriela Sabatini had to battle in first-round matches at the \$300,000 New England Women's Tennis Tournament yesterday.

Navratilova raced through a 6-3, 6-0 victory over South African Karin Schimper but Sabatini had to fight off a second-set challenge from American Ronni Reis before taking a 6-1, 7-5 win.

The Soviets, sixth-seeded Natalia Zvereva and eighth-seeded Larisa Savchenko, also advanced. Zvereva outplayed Hu Na of China 6-3, 6-4, while Savchenko overcame a slow start to beat Australian Wendy Turnbull 4-6, 6-0, 6-1.

Attracted

Fifth-seeded Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia also moved into the second round by beating American Elise Burgen 7-6 (7-3), 6-4.

Chris Evert, the second seed, and her fellow-American Pam Shriver, seeded fourth, were scheduled to play their opening matches today in the 64-player event which has attracted seven of the world's top 10 players.

Navratilova lost just three points in the first four games and raced to a 5-1 lead in the first set before Schimper held and broke service before losing the set.

Navratilova, who took just 18 minutes to win the second set, said she had trouble adjusting to the surroundings.

Sabatini had an easy first set against Reis, but in the second set the Argentine teenager had to come up with two backhand passing shots to hold off set points in the ninth game before closing out the match.

Navratilova explained that she was using the opening match to get used to the large building after practicing in small clubs for the past few weeks.

"I played pretty good, I had two bad games on her serve and she had a great game on my serve," the veteran star said.

Navratilova said she saw no reason why she should not win the \$60,000 first prize in the week-long tournament.

"It will take me a little while to get used to the surroundings. I'm quite happy, I have been hitting the ball really well in practice. When I'm doing that, you don't worry about how you're going to play in the matches because it's going to be there."



Ratnayake: Man of the Match

Sri Lanka make short work of Bangladesh

DHAKA, Nov. 2. (Reuter): Sri Lanka, already qualified for the Asia Cup cricket final, beat hosts Bangladesh by nine wickets in the penultimate match of the tournament today.

They will meet India in the final on Friday.

The Sri Lankans made a short shrift of the inexperienced Bangladesh side who were making only their second appearance in international cricket. The home team never recovered after losing their first four wickets for eight runs and managed only 118 for eight in their 45 overs.

Ravi Ratnayake, the pace bowler who led his side in the absence of injured captain Ranjan Madugalle, took four for 23 and won the Man of the Match award.

Sri Lanka replied with 120 for one to one the Bangladeshi score with more than 14 overs to spare.

Opener Brendon Kuruppu played a polished, unbeaten innings of 58 and at no time seemed troubled against a week Bangladeshi attack.

The match itself was a mere formality for the Sri Lankans who had already qualified for the final by beating Pakistan and India.

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Hadlee takes nine for 55 to scuttle West Zone

RAJKOT, India, Nov. 2. (Reuter): Richard Hadlee gave an early reminder of the quality of his fast-medium bowling by finishing with nine for 55 in New Zealand's opening cricket tour match against West Zone today.

Hadlee's devastating form on a placid pitch caused the Indian side to crumble from their overnight 149 for four to 253 all out in their first innings on the second day of the three-day match.

Completed

Openers Trevor Franklin, who hit an unbeaten 72, and John Wright (42 not out) completed a fine day for New Zealand with an unbroken partnership of 118 by the close.

Hadlee, who destroyed much of the front line batting with a spell of four for 24 on first day, continued in equally telling form by firing out both overnight batsmen for the addition of only 10 runs.

However, Radia (31) and Sulakshan Kulkarni (47) led a fightback when Hadlee was rested, putting on 69 for the seventh wicket, and the innings was swiftly wrapped up on the all-rounder's return after lunch.

Hadlee was prevented from making a clean sweep by off-spinner John Bracewell, who took the last wicket when he had Kulkarni caught by Franklin at short extra cover.

The New Zealand openers took full advantage of the docile pitch, with Franklin striking 12 fours after being dropped off spinner Azim Khan, while his captain, Wright, hit six fours.

Scoreboard

BANGLADESH

Farique Ahmed c De Silva b Ratnayake

H. Reshid c Karuppa b Ratnayake

Azhar Shanta lbw b Ratnayake

G. Ashraf c Ranasekera

Atahar Ali c Karuppa b De Silva

Minhaz Nasau c Anurasiri

Madusasinghe c Karuppa b De Silva

Akram Khan c Karuppa b Anurasiri

Amindul Pathipati c Anurasiri b Ratnayake

Golam Faruk not out

Nasir Ahmed not out

Extras (b-1, lb-2, w-5, nb-4)

12 Total (for eight wickets, 45 overs) 118

Did not bat: Nasir Prince.

Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-8, 3-8, 4-5, 5-42, 6-62, 7-68, 8-14.

Bowling: Ravi Ratnayake 8-1-23-4,

Chamkup Ramasayake 6-2-1-1,

Kapila Gunawardene 6-1-21-0, Anil

Samarasekera c and b Hadlee

A. Panday lbw b Hadlee

T. Arothe b Hadlee

R. Radia lbw b Hadlee

S. Kulkarni c Franklin b Bracewell

R. Kulkarni lbw b Hadlee

A. Samarasinha not out

Extras (b-1 lb-1 w-1 nb-1)

7 Total (one wicket, 30.4 overs) 120

Fall of wicket: 1-57.

Bowling: Nasir Prince 4-1-15-0,

Golam Faruk 3-34-0, Atahar Ali 4-0-17-0, Azhar Hossain 6-4-0-20-1,

Amindul Pathipati 6-0-23-0, Akram Khan 2-0-6-0.

Total (fall of wicket) 152-6-159-7-234-9-249.

Bowling: Hadlee 14-5-35-1, Chet

field 20-3-44-0, Saied 6-0-19-4,

Gray 14-1-50-0, Bracewell 29-4-7-82.

1. NEW ZEALAND first innings

T. Franklin not out

J. Wright not out

Extras (b-2, lb-2)

4 Total (no wicket) 118

To bat: A. Jones, M. Greatbatch,

K. Rutherford, J. Bracewell, E. Gray,

T. Blair, R. Hadlee, M. Saied, E. Cliftfield.

Bowling: R. Kulkarni 6-2-

20-0, Ranjane 7-3-16-0, Radia 12-3-

20-0, Khan 11-1-39-0, Rajput 6-3-13-

0, Arothe 3-1-6-0.

No surprises in Australian team

LONDON, Nov. 2. (Reuter): Australia sprang no surprises today when they announced their team for Saturday's rugby union Test against England at Twickenham.

In the only position where there was some doubt, Bill Campbell won the nod over Damien Frawley for one of the lock places.

"It was a difficult choice, but in the end we thought Bill could secure more line-out ball for us," said tour manager Andy Connway.

West Indies are hoping captain Viv Richards will be fit to play against South Australia after he missed the first two games with a right ankle injury.

Opening

South Australia have retained the squad which beat Victoria in the opening Sheffield Shield match of the season.

South Australia (from) — David Hookes (captain), Wayne Phillips, Andrew Hilditch, Glenn Bishop, Paul Nobes, Peter Sleep, Tim May, Chris Killen, Andrew Zesler, Peter Anderson, Peter Gladigau, Darren Lehmann.

Kuwait's sailors find another exciting sport

A sailor in action on one of the Lasers

tical, testing the helmsman's ability rather than the size of his cheque book!

The club's race calendar is intended to run throughout the year and comprises regular Friday Series' races, Individual Trophy races and one-off family fun races. Recently, club members staged an 'America's Cup' style match-racing event which proved a great success, and there are plans for a 6-hour Team Marathon early next year.

On Nov 10 and 11 the club will stage the 1st Kuwait Laser Championships. The two day/three race event is sponsored by K.M.M.C. and promises to be a competitive, closely fought con-

test. All Laser sailors in Kuwait can participate with race entry details available from Ken Balman of Messilah Beach Hotel (Tel: 5624111, ext 739 or 751).

Following the Kuwait Open Regatta, a team of seven club members intends to travel to Dubai to contest the 'Gulf Sailing Championships' on November 17 and 18. This will be the first international event for some members of the team, however the overall depth of experience should ensure that the squad members give a good account of themselves.

For further info, contact